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# U.S. WILL JOIN IN MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD WORLD PEACE

## TRUCE NOW UNLIKELY

### FIGHTING RESUMED NEAR PEKING

Serious Developments Feared Soon.

### REFUGEES POUR INTO CITY

Peking, To-day.  
Chinese refugees are pouring into Peking and serious developments seem probable within 48 hours.  
There has been a lull in the fighting for two or three days but activity was resumed yesterday with skirmishes, while hundreds of shells were fired into the Chinese positions near Tungchow.—Reuter.

## JAPANESE LACK SINCERITY

Chinese Pessimistic Of Truce.

### 3-DAY ULTIMATUM

Peking, To-day.  
The Chinese authorities held a military conference last night at which, according to the vernacular papers, it was held that there is no hope of peace as the Japanese lack sincerity.  
Chinese sources report that the Japanese presented an informal note to the Chinese stating that unless the Chinese comply with the Japanese demands within three days, war operations will be resumed.  
At mid-day it was reported that the Japanese troops were no nearer than three li from Tungchow.—Reuter.

## Sir Miles Lampson Again.

### SOUGHT BY CHINESE AS MEDIATOR.

Peking, To-day.  
A high Chinese official informs Reuter that Sir Miles Lampson has been requested by the Chinese to assist in an endeavour to arrange a local truce but whether the British Minister will comply with the request is not yet known.—Reuter.

## WILL NOT INVADE PEKING.

Unless "Provoked" By Chinese.

### TOKYO WAR OFFICE DENIES EXAGGERATION

Tokyo, To-day.  
Japanese press despatches indicate that the Japanese have virtually completed their investment of Peking but the War Office declares that the reports are very inaccurate and that they are exaggerated.  
Patrols have reached, but not passed, Tungchow, according to the War Office, while the main forces are remaining along the tactics of P. E. Greenwood's success. Miyun-Pingku-Yutien-Kalping, awaiting the next Chinese move.  
At present there is no intention of occupying Peking or Tientsin unless the Chinese provoke.—Reuter.

## JEWISH PERSECUTION IN GERMANY

### League Council Perplexed By Petition

London, To-day.  
At a private meeting at Geneva yesterday, the Council of the League of Nations appointed a Committee to examine whether it was within its competence, at the present stage, to consider a petition addressed to the Council by the Upper Silesian Jews protesting against the treatment of Jews in Germany.—British Wireless Service.

## SOONG TELLS AMERICANS OF CHINA

### Financial Stability Of National Govt.

### "NO CHAOS EXCEPT FOR JAPANESE INVASION"

New York, To-day.  
Mr. T. V. Soong, Chinese Minister of Finance, addressing the Council of Foreign Relations here, yesterday declared that contrary to Japanese assertions, the Government situation in China was "far from chaotic, except where Japanese invasion and intrigue had made it so."  
He pointed out the financial stability of the National Government, the progress made in Public Works, education and commerce, and the establishment of the National Bank of China.  
Mr. Soong expressed the opinion that when prosperity returns and China is relieved of the burden of the Japanese invasion, she will be able to meet "all just financial obligations."  
He said that the Chinese Government must husband her resources for a long-drawn struggle, for under no circumstances could it surrender Manchuria and Jehol.  
He declared that the National Government had proved its virility by overcoming almost overwhelming odds.  
Mr. Soong's address was made at a private closed meeting of the Council, so that in order to acquaint America generally with his statements, Mr. Soong repeated it publicly last night over a nation-wide radio network, whilst addressing the China Society at a banquet at which Mr. Paul D. Cravath presided.—Reuter.

## YORKSHIRE'S TRIUMPH OVER LEICESTER

### Opponents Dismissed Twice For 104 Runs.

London, To-day.  
Yorkshire, County Cricket Champions, recorded their third win in three matches when they beat Leicestershire by an innings and 146 runs at Bradford yesterday.  
Dismissed by Macaulay (6 for 25) for 65—the lowest score of the season—Leicester collapsed sensationally when set 186 to save the innings defeat. Macaulay (8 for 22) and Verity (4 for 17) dismissing them for 39.  
A. B. Sellers relied on his fast-bowling attack again, and his declaration when only 186 ahead was yet another example of the strategic forces are remaining along the tactics of P. E. Greenwood's success.  
Scores as called by Reuter:  
Leicester: 65 (Macaulay 8 for 25), 39 (Macaulay 8 for 22, Verity 4 for 17).  
Yorkshire: 250 for 7 dec.

## FULL SUPPORT FOR BRITISH PLAN

### FRENCH DISAGREEMENT ON PROCEDURE

### MR. DAVIS FLATLY REJECTS M. PAUL BONCOUR'S SUGGESTION

GENEVA, TO-DAY.  
THE UNITED STATES OFFER TO CO-OPERATE IN A REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS AND TO PARTICIPATE IN OTHER MEASURES TO ASSURE PEACE, WERE YESTERDAY DESCRIBED IN AN IMPORTANT SPEECH BY MR. NORMAN DAVIS, UNITED STATES DELEGATE AT A REPRESENTATIVE MEETING OF THE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION.

Mr. Davis intended that the ultimate objective should be to reduce armaments to the basis of a domestic police force. As the British plan represented a real measure of Disarmament, the United States accepted it wholeheartedly as a definite and excellent step.

If the States in the Conference decided that one State has violated its international obligations, and the United States concurred therein, the latter would not engage in a step tending to defeat the collective efforts the first-named might take to restore peace.

THE UNITED STATES WAS WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN A SYSTEM OF SUPERVISION TO ENSURE THE CARRYING OUT OF DISARMAMENT MEASURES.

The warm thanks of the British Government to Mr. Davis were expressed by Sir John Simon, Foreign Secretary, who said that President Roosevelt's declarations and Chancellor Hitler's speech had completely changed the outlook of the Disarmament Conference.

Therefore he felt that the moment had come to get down to details and discuss the Articles point by point.

He welcomed the German withdrawal of her amendments, especially on the standardization of armies, which was announced by Dr. Nadelohy, the German delegate.

A non-committal attitude was adopted by M. Paul Boncour, who emphasised that the time now had come to take up the political as well as technical aspects of disarmament.

He suggested that they begin with Part One of the British Draft Convention, especially on the question of regional agreements.

Mr. Davis rejected M. Boncour's suggestion that Part One of the British plan should be discussed first. He was of the opinion that he had made himself sufficiently clear regarding the United States' action in case of conflict.

There was no need to waste time in discussing Part One of the plan, he asserted.

M. Paul Boncour disagreed with Mr. Davis.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, President of the General Commission, then adjourned the meeting until this afternoon. Meanwhile, the Bureau of the Conference will meet at 11 a.m. to-day to fix the agenda for the afternoon meeting of the General Commission.—Reuter.

## Deadlock Ends At Geneva.

### GERMANY WITHDRAWS AMENDMENTS

London, To-day.  
In the General Commission of the Disarmament Conference at Geneva, Mr. Arthur Henderson, President of the Commission, yesterday said a letter from Dr. Nadelohy, withdrawing the German amendments to the British plan regarding the standardization of Continental armies.  
The German delegates reserve service.



Sailing at Teddington Reach. The annual meeting of the Thames Sailing Club provides a picturesque scene.—Jockeying for position at the start.—(S. & G.)

## BRITISH REACTION DRUG TRAFFIC TO U.S. POLICY

### Warm Approval In London Press.

London, To-day.  
America's Geneva pronouncement is warmly welcomed in the English press to-day as a definition and amplification of President Roosevelt's appeal, which more or less marks America's renunciation of neutrality.

For example, *The Times* states that it changes their traditional attitude towards the whole question of neutrality and freedom of the seas.

The moment is decisive. Great success has been gained and victory for the international regulation of armaments seems within reach, the paper states.

The *Daily Telegraph* states that it is a "heartening tonic".

The *Daily Herald* interprets it as a promise, if the case should arise, to support the League in the imposition of the Covenant and sanctions.

The *News Chronicle* states that it is another step forward. America, the paper adds, has formally pledged herself to the active guardianship of the world's peace.

The *Daily Mail* terms it a second indication of America's readiness to share in the task of preventing war.

The least enthusiastic notes are sounded by the *Morning Post* which though admitting that the speech had a neighbourly ring, says that the utmost Mr. Norman Davis has promised is to look benevolently on the righteous party.

The *Daily Express* declares that it would be vanity to delude the people by the pretence that this American proposal brings them an hour nearer peace.—Reuter.

## NON-RECOGNITION OF MANCHUKUO.

### Premier Re-Affirms British Decision.

London, To-day.  
The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, yesterday answered a series of questions in Parliament, addressed to the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, who is at Geneva.  
He said that negotiations for the conclusion of a new commercial agreement with the Japanese Government, were not at present contemplated.  
Regarding the recognition of Manchukuo, he said that Japan alone had formally recognized the new State. The British Government were bound by the League Assembly report of February, and continued to withhold recognition.—British Wireless Service.

## MANSLAUGHTER TRIAL AGAINST M. W. HALLUMS

### "Dynamite Thrown At Customs Cruiser."

### JUDGE WARNS SECOND OFFICER

### Junk Shooting Tragedy Evidence

"Two sticks of dynamite were thrown at us. Before the first shot was fired I saw someone light the fuse of what appeared to be dynamite and then throw it. It did not hit the launch but fell into the water where it exploded."

Jay-mun, one of the crew of the Chinese Maritime Customs cruiser Kwan Lul, gave the above evidence at to-day's resumed hearing of the trial of Mark William Hallums, an officer of the Chinese Maritime Customs who is charged before Acting Chief Justice, Mr. J. R. Wood, with the manslaughter of Ng Koo, a Chinese girl who was fatally injured by shell fire during an armed encounter in Junk Bay on the morning of April 1.

Mr. J. A. Fraser, Asst. Attorney-General, appeared for the Crown, and Mr. H. C. Macnamara for the accused.

Mr. F. G. Nigel is holding a watching brief on behalf of the Chinese Maritime Customs.

The following jury were empanelled, S. S. Perry (foreman), J. W. Anderson, L. E. Lammert, J. W. Morris, J. P. Pereira, O. P. Remedios and J. U. de Rosa.

Lieut. Comdr. Boswell, Asst. Inspector of Naval Ordnance, recalled, said that yesterday afternoon he had gone to the Kwan Lul which was lying at a buoy off Wanchai and there, in the company of the Police Photographer, had examined the vessel and had taken pictures which would be of value to the Court.

Comdr. Boswell said that the approximate distance at which a shot fired from the gun through the protective plate and hitting the water, (taking into consideration the uneven keel of the vessel) would be between 180 and 250 yards.

A shot passing through the plating at a range of 80 yards would hit the water 90 feet away.

Comdr. Boswell agreed with Mr. Fraser that the slightest sea would effect the point at which the shell would strike the water.

Comdr. Boswell said that after a thorough examination of the Customs vessel, he was of the opinion that two shots may have passed through the holes in the plating, but he could form no opinion of direction or distance at which the shots travelled, or fell.

Second Officer in Witness Box Robert Boyle, 2nd Officer of the Kwan Lul, said he was on board the vessel on April 1 when Capt. Hallums was in charge.

There were seven Chinese seamen including the pilot.

## JACK HOOD WINS TITLE.

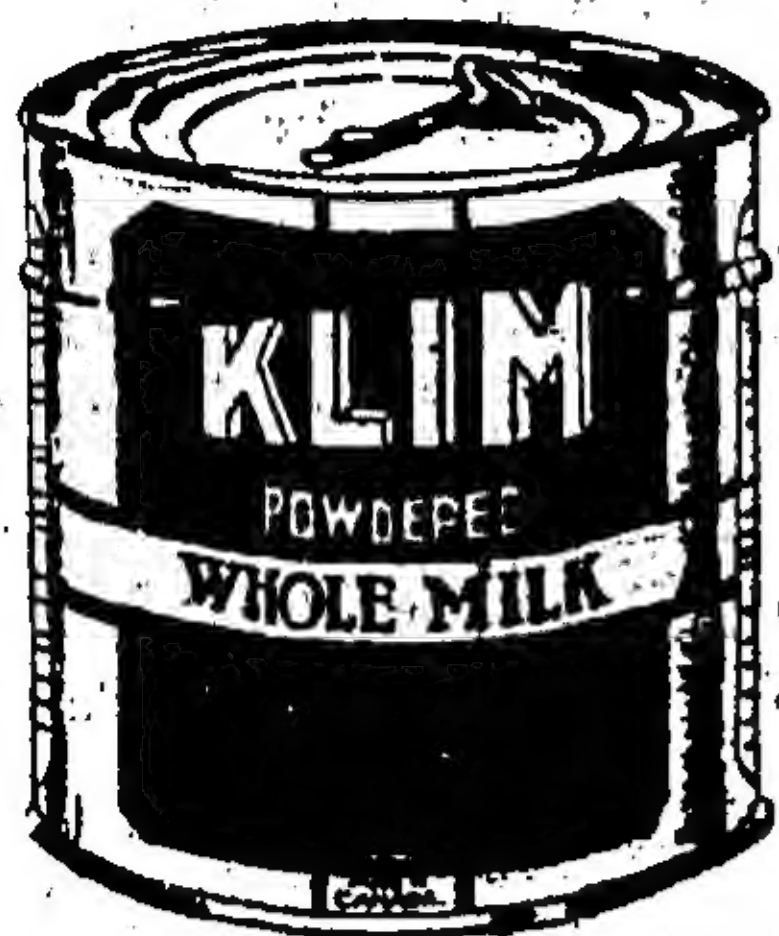
### Holder Disqualified In Third Round.

London, To-day.  
Jack Hood, contender for the British Empire welterweight boxing championship, won the International Boxing Union's European title yesterday.





# The WOMAN'S Page



## THE COW'S FINEST PRODUCT.

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#### Clever Dancers To Give Numbers.

The management of the Peninsula Hotel announce that Saturday, the May 27 being the last day of the Empire Fair, there will be a special Gala Night in the Rose Room and for which the time has been extended till 2 a.m.

As this night is the last occasion that the Rose Room will be open this season, every endeavour is being made to ensure a very successful evening. In this respect the management have been singularly fortunate as they have been gratuitously offered the services of Miss Iris Montgomery, the well known New Zealand Danseuse.

Miss Montgomery is very well known all over New Zealand as a teacher of dancing, and she has also appeared on the stage on numerous occasions. Quite recently she returned from England and the Continent where she has been studying special dances under several famous people.

She was a pupil of M. Stanislas Idzikowski and Madame Egorova of Russian Ballet fame, Elsa Brunelchi the finest exponent of Spanish dancing in London, Espinosa, the great Italian Maitre de Ballet and T. C. Askew, famous for acrobatic and step dancing.

In addition to Miss Iris Montgomery, there will be of course the two well-known and very popular couples, namely, Don and Sally and Sands and Dawn. It is unnecessary to say much about these two couples as the public have had many demonstrations of their capabilities. Mention must be made, however, that they will appear in a complete set of new and attractive numbers for this occasion.

An unusually large crowd are expected and those who are desirous of securing good tables are strongly advised to make early reservations.



### CHANGING TREND OF FASHION.

#### Nail Stones And Hair Slides Disappear.

Only five years ago women were using, or wearing,—

Hair slides, nail polishing stones and buffers, ironing boards, kitchen dressers, curling tongs, shoe buckles, and gridirons.

And Now—  
Nail stones have given way to varnish, hair slides to grips, the old cumbersome ironing boards to the modern contrivance that folds up into next to nothing, kitchen dressers to combined cabinets, curling tongs to setting lotions, combs, and hairpins.

### DARING BATHING SUITS

#### Flesh-Coloured Nudist Models In Wool.

The new bathing suits promise to be very daring this summer, and backless modes still predominate. There are nudist models in flesh-coloured wool, and others that have fish-like scales, but as a whole, the designers of the new costumes have gone in for beauty of line and quaintness of design rather than for startling innovations.

One of the most striking costumes has a modernised Victorian air. It is one piece with loose-fitting legs, and it laces up to the neck with a cord of contrasting colours. It has a distinctly defined waistline and two little sloping pockets.

At the other extreme is the ultra-modern, backless and sideless suit, sloping from the lowest possible point in the small of the back and fastening round the neck, leaving the arms and shoulders entirely free. A typical 1933 idea is for the suit to fasten with a buckle on the left shoulder-blade and to have no shoulder strap at all on the other side.

### HOW LONG CAN YOU GO ON SUFFERING?

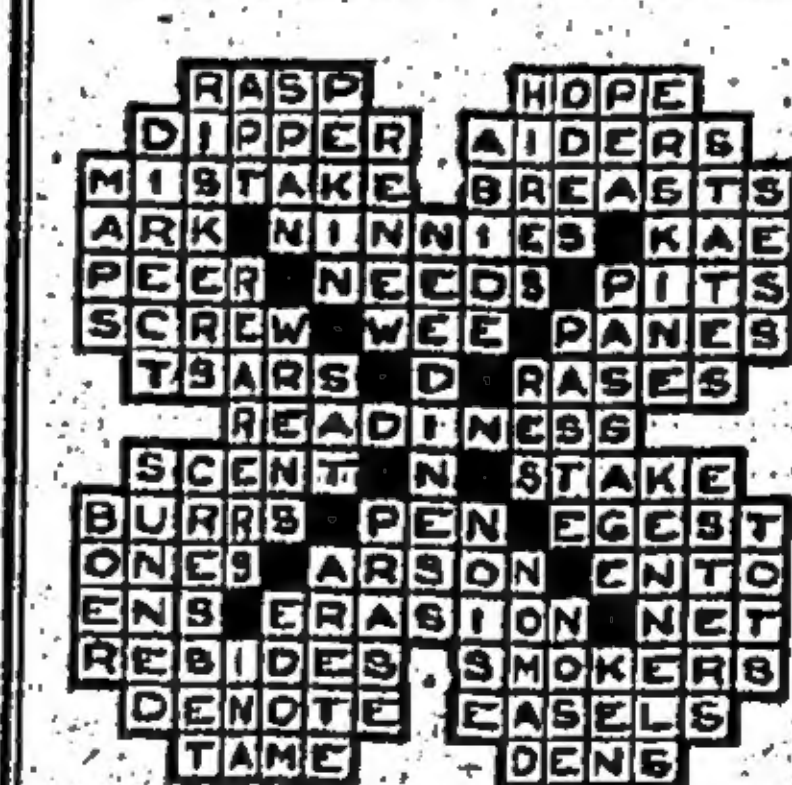
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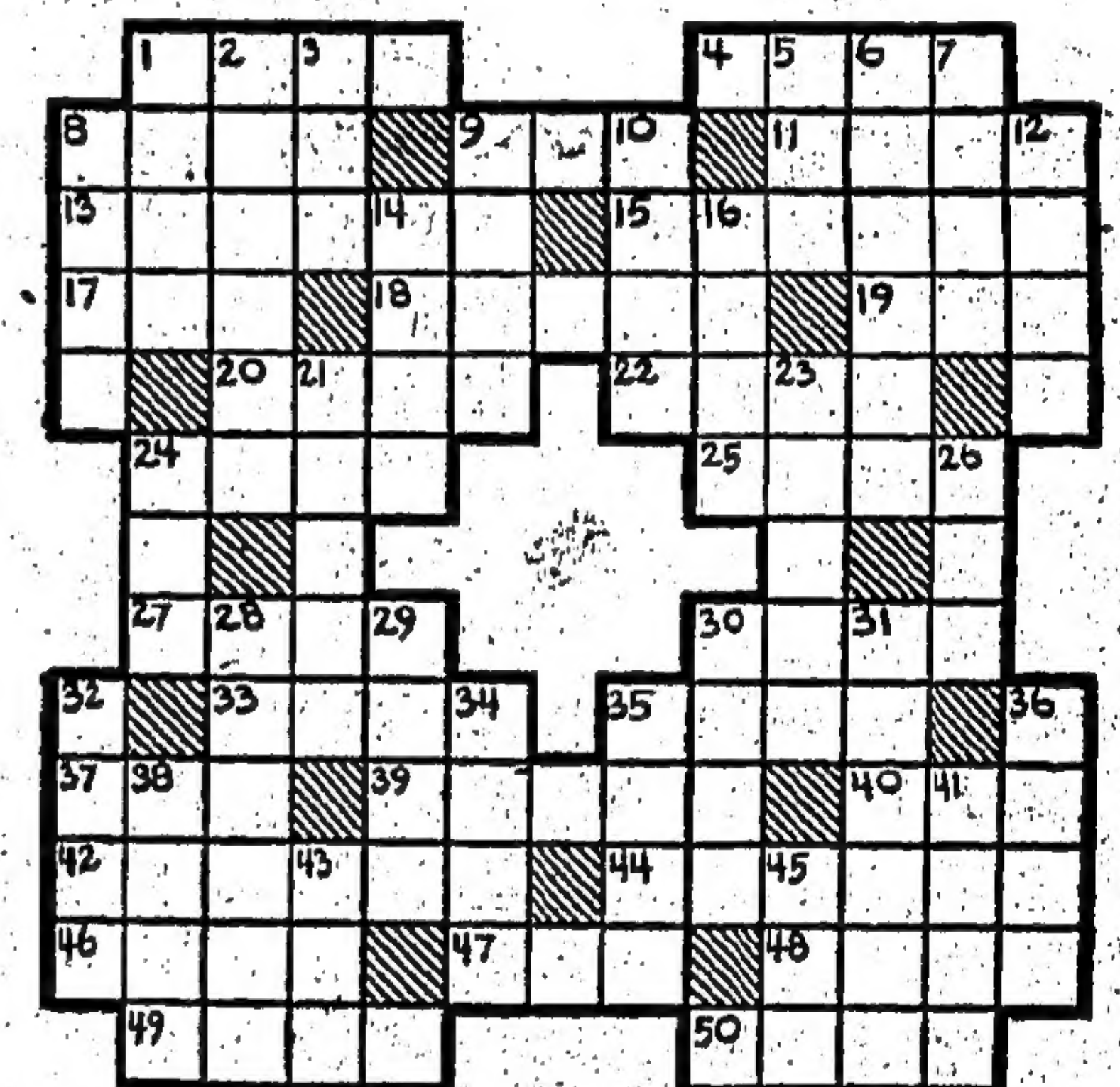
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### DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

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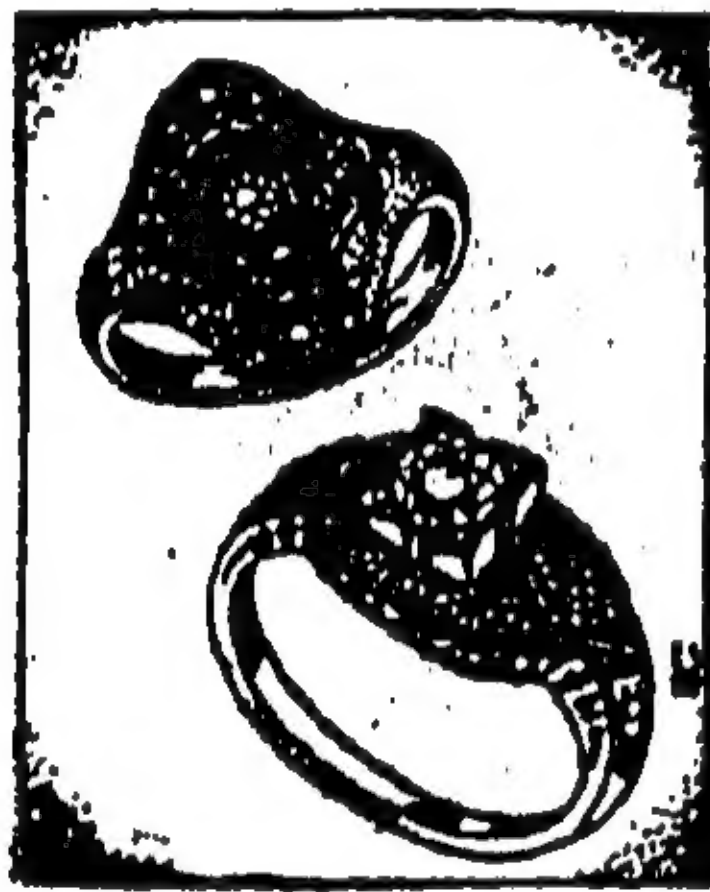


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| <b>HORIZONTAL</b>           | <b>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</b> | <b>VERTICAL (Cont.)</b>        |
| 1—Quiet                     | 45—Distant                | 12—Golf mounds                 |
| 4—Lapsed                    | 46—Allow as a deduction   | 14—Commander-in-chief          |
| 8—Carried                   | 47—Excused                | 15—British forces in World War |
| 9—Final                     | 48—On                     | 16—Girl's name                 |
| 11—Blain                    | 49—Measure of weight      | 21—Very fast                   |
| 13—Correctly                | 50—Stocky part of a plant | 22—An epic by Homer            |
| 15—Aim at                   |                           | 24—Rested                      |
| 17—Residence (abbr.)        |                           | 25—Greece                      |
| 18—Large artery             |                           | 26—Tool for enlarging holes    |
| 19—Born                     |                           | 28—Torment                     |
| 20—Ireland (Post.)          |                           | 30—Story                       |
| 22—Large lake               |                           | 31—Tribe of Indians            |
| 24—An unexpected impediment |                           | 32—Salience (Colloq.)          |
| 25—Likewise                 |                           | 34—Want                        |
| 27—Make a misstep           |                           | 35—Post                        |
| 28—Light                    |                           | 36—Infantry                    |
| 29—Paradise                 |                           | 38—Long grass stem             |
| 35—Ordered                  |                           | 41—Small particle              |
| 37—A constellation          |                           | 43—Girl's name                 |
| 39—Part of a flower         |                           | 45—Bealides                    |
| 40—Dox                      |                           |                                |

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

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### Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

**TIFFIN**  
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Tartare Sauce  
Beefsteak and Bacon Pudding  
Fried Egg Plant  
Currant Waffles  
Honey Sauce  
**DINNER**  
Chicken Broth  
Fried Whitebait  
Lemon Slices  
Quails in Ramequin Cases  
Cold Ham  
Suffolk Peas  
Cold Pineapple Pudding  
Soused Mackerel.

3 Mackerels, ½ pint of vinegar, ½ pint of water, 1 oz. peppercorns. A little cayenne and salt to taste. Boil the vinegar and other ingredients for one hour and let it get cold. Steam mackerel until cooked, put them into a pie dish and pour the vinegar, etc., over them. Cover closely and let them steep for twelve hours. Place them on a dish and serve with Tartare Sauce.

**Quails in Ramequin Cases.**  
Quails some glaze, imitation foie gras, made if possible from chicken livers. Fry several ramequin cases. Bone the quails and prepare the foie gras. Stuff each them

with force-meat and make it into a neat shape. Put the quails into a baking pan with a small piece of butter on the top. Cook in a moderate oven for about a quarter of an hour. Pour over each a little glaze and place them in ramequin cases before serving.

**Cold Pineapple Pudding.**  
1 oz. gelatine, 1 tin pineapple, ½ pint whipping cream, 1 tablespoon sugar, 1 tablespoon brandy. Soak the gelatine in cold water for a few minutes. Chop the pineapple finely. Whip the cream to a stiff froth and mix with it, and add the brandy and sugar. Dissolve the gelatine in a double boiler and mix thoroughly with the pineapple, etc. Pour into a wetted mould. When firm, turn out and pour a cold boiled custard round it.

**Suffolk Peas.**  
1 pkt. dried peas (green), 2 oz. bacon, 1 tablespoon chopped pimento, pepper, salt. Cook the peas according to the directions on the packet and when they are cooked drain them. Cook the chopped bacon, stir in the chopped pimento and then lightly toss the peas in the mixture. If liked, add a lump of butter as well. Season the peas with salt and pepper and serve

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed.

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Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies. (Both including Tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of All Chits, etc.

The Secretary's office, 3rd Floor, Gloucester Building, (Tel. 27704), will close at 12 o'clock Noon.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

On No Pretext will Children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Boy in advance. Telephone 21923.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

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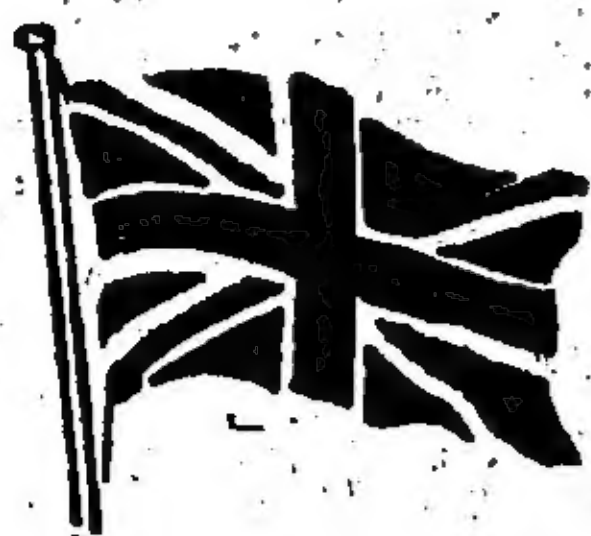
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## BRIDGE NOTES

## SOME PORTLAND CLUB DECISIONS.

Many players have a wrong idea of the part that Dummy is entitled to take in the proceedings at the card table. The prevalent notion is that he is a mere cipher and that he need not be there at all, and that, except for challenging his partner if he fails to follow suit, his presence is unnecessary. This is far from being the case. Under the old laws it was not contemplated that Dummy would leave his seat. If he did so and looked at the hands of the other players he lost his right to challenge the Declarer. In fact, if he asked any such question and the Declarer could follow suit or play as required the revoke was thereupon established. The new laws are not quite so drastic. Although they do not recommend Dummy's absence from the table, they do realize implicitly that he may go away, and in this event the opponents have questioned the Declarer before such revoke becomes established.

The peripatetic Dummy who walks round the table and looks at every hand and peers over his partner's shoulder and breathes down his neck is a nuisance. But the sitting Dummy may also be tiresome. The silent, sympathetic Dummy is almost as rare as the first-class player.

The ideal Dummy effaces himself. He does not obtrude his personality or show by so much as a flicker of an eyelash any sort of emotion. The perfect Dummy was Sir Cardwell Trumper, described in *Punch*. The sympathy with which he would follow his partner's play was an inspiration. And he never moved. He was as likely to wink an eyelid as he was to turn a double somersault over the table. On one occasion when he was Dummy he observed a glowing coal fly out of the fire on to the carpet. Did he stir? No. He waited until the playing of the hands was finished. The sad thing was that his partner, who was also his hostess, quite failed to appreciate what very fine Bridge this was, and actually blamed Sir Cardwell for the damage to her Persian rug.

But Dummy, although he should be sympathetic, need not always be silent. First, it is to be noted that he is only Dummy after he has placed his cards face upwards on the table. Until he has done so he has all the rights of the other players and can draw attention to a lead out of turn. But he has many other rights and duties during the play of the hand. Here is a case in point:—

The Declarer touches a card in Dummy, decides to play another card, and the opponents do not interfere because it suits them better. Dummy now demands that the first card must be played because it has been touched. Is Dummy allowed to speak? *Portland Club Decision* (see Law 45): "Dummy having all the rights of a player except those specifically mentioned in Law 19, is entitled to draw attention to the fact that the card has been touched and must be played. Now at first sight the decision seems to contravene the terms of Law 19, which expressly states that Dummy may not by act or word suggest any lead or play. The decision is based upon the idea that Dummy here does not suggest a lead or play, but is entitled to insist upon the observation of the law. That he must insist is, however, doubtful. If he chooses to remain silent there is nothing in the laws to prevent him doing so."

Presumably in this particular case Dummy foresaw that Declarer would do better by leading the card he originally touched than by the subsequent lead, which the opponents allowed without protest. Provided he had not seen the other hands, he was within his rights in his insistence. But the decision is not without its embarrassments. Logically it comes to this—that if Dummy see an infringement of the laws he should speak irrespective of whether it is to the advantage of his side or not. The decision appears to me in fact doubtful and contradictory to the law that Dummy shall take no part in the play of the hand.

Another decision places the onus on the opponents. "During the hand the Declarer draws a card from Dummy, but before quitting, it returns it to the table and substitutes another. His opponents, who prefer the second choice, allow this to pass. May they do this, or is it unfair? *Portland Club Decision*: "No, as the card has been played it cannot be taken back."

This is placing a severe strain on the opponents. I cannot see in equity why if they prefer Declarer's second choice they should compel him to adhere to his first to their own disadvantage. Admitted that they may make him play the card he has first touched, why must they if he changes his mind to their benefit? The new law about touching a card in Dummy was intended to abolish the tiresome habit of fumbling. It is a very strict interpretation of the law to render its meaning that not only Dummy but the opponents are obliged to see that it is obeyed irrespective of consequences. But that is the decision of the Portland Club, and therefore must be respected. Once touch a card in Dummy unless for the stated purpose of arrangement and it is played, and Dummy and the opponents must insist upon the law being upheld. If they do not they are presumably guilty of unfair play.

An interesting decision is the following:—

Law 56.—Z is playing a Diamond contract, and A exposes the Ace of Spades which remains on the table. In the course of play a Heart is led from Dummy, B and Z follow suit and A ruffs with a Diamond. Z then says: "No, you cannot do that. If you have not got a Heart, you must play the Ace of Spades." A (fourth in hand) says: "You cannot do that after I have played. You must say before I play, 'If you have no Heart I call the Ace of Spades.'" Is this correct? *Portland Club Decision*: "The Ace of Spades can be called, and the Diamond used for ruffing becomes an exposed card."

This is a very useful decision, and there is no doubt about its accuracy. A card exposed can be called even after the player has pronounced in a suit played. It is implicit but not necessary that Declarer should say on each occasion, "If you have not a card of the suit led play your exposed card."

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Milorad Jovanovitch, a young musician of Belgrade, ran more than 11 miles in 50 minutes in order to reach his mother's bedside before she died.

He had received a telegram to say his mother was dying. He had been working all night but he left at once by train. He fell asleep and was carried 11 miles past the station at which he should have changed. So he ran all the way back—and just caught his connection.

The postman of Vatche, a small town in Slovenia, has just celebrated his 80th birthday.

His youngest son, a new born babe, was born during his father's birthday celebrations. It is his 16th child.

The postman has been married three times—his third wife, the mother of the latest member of the family, being now 35 years.—Reuter.

## BURIED ALIVE IN GRAVE.

## Moslem Digger Saved From Death.

Alexandria.

The grave-digger of a local Moslem cemetery has been buried alive in a deep grave, dug by his own hands.

The man was working alone in a grave which he had already dug to a depth of six feet, when the sides of the grave suddenly collapsed and completely buried him.

A few minutes later, a visitor to the cemetery noticed slight movements of the earth in the filled-in grave. He cleared some of it aside and discovered the gravedigger, already in a semi-conscious condition. He was sent to hospital in a critical condition.—Reuter.

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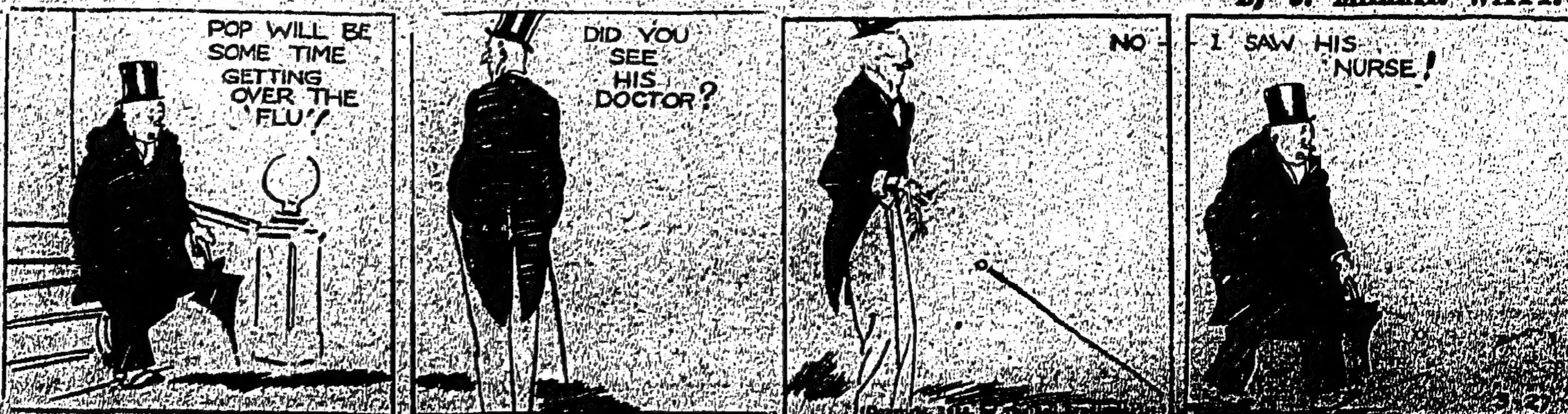
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Mr. I. J. Villington-Scott, the Far Eastern representative of Messrs. Iford, Ltd., will personally attend and supervise the exhibit at the forthcoming British Empire Fair.

Several life-size portraits, chief of which is a photograph of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which attracted a great deal of notice at the recent Copenhagen exhibition of British products, will be on view.

Illustrated pamphlets and samples suitable to both amateur and professional photographers, may be had on application to Mr. Villington-Scott, who will welcome any enquiries.

## STATE SUPPORT FOR POLISH HEROES.

Military Cross Holders  
Must Have Work.

Warsaw.  
Holders of the Polish Military Cross ("Virtuti Militari") can never be unemployed.

The statutes governing the "Virtuti Militari" order have just been amended by the Military Committee of the Sejm (Parliament) to read that the State is bound to find all bearers of the Order employment which would guarantee them a living.

If possessors of the Order are incapable of working they are to be classed as "Individuals of Distinguished Service" and to be provided for in accordance with a law passed in 1924.

Polish citizens decorated with the "Virtuti Militari" will also have the right to a reduction of 80 per cent. on all railway fares.

—Reuter.

## DANCING DISPLAY AT KING'S.

Dress Rehearsal On  
Sunday Next.

The dress rehearsal of the dancing display given by the pupils of Miss Violet Capell, will be held at the King's Theatre on Sunday next, at 10 a.m.

The display, which is being given in aid of local charities, takes place on May 31.

Owing to the fact that the performance must finish in time to permit the 7.15 p.m. cinema performance to start without delay, only pupils doing solos or duets will be handed flowers while on the stage. Other pupils will receive such gifts behind the stage, after the performance.

## LIGHTNING FLASH COSTS £10,000.

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Johannesburg.  
Directly and indirectly, the havoc caused when lightning struck the Municipal Power Station is estimated to have cost fully £10,000 of which from £5,000 to £7,000 will, it is considered, have to be spent at the station itself.

The trams are believed to have lost about £1,000 on revenue, and other interests, such as theatres and licensed victuallers, also suffered severely. —Reuter.

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PARKESTON EXTENSION

Progress is being made with the extensive works on the London and North Eastern railway between Gidea Park and Shenfield which will increase the facilities for main line and local services connected with Liverpool Street Station. The scheme has been planned to extend the widening of the railway from two to four tracks to Shenfield, which is the junction for Southend. The extension will provide separate rails for local trains, and besides enabling expresses on the main line to travel without interference by local traffic will facilitate the services between Southend and Liverpool Street. The work is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

For some distance between Gidea Park and Shenfield the lines run through a long cutting, and in order to avoid extensive excavations retaining walls have been constructed on each side of the railway. These walls, which are of concrete, rising at some places to 20ft., extend for nearly two miles. New bridges are being constructed, and existing bridges altered to meet the requirements of the widened railway, and the stations at Harold Wood, Brentwood, and Shenfield are being rebuilt and the platform accommodation extended.

Automatic signalling is being introduced, and the extension plans have been designed with a view to the possibility of electric traction at a future date. The contract for the first part of the scheme, including earthworks, bridges, and retaining walls, is being carried out by Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons, Limited. The work was begun early last year, and is stated to give, on an average, employment to 1,000 men.

## VATICAN ESTATE VALUES.

£760,000 Insurance On  
Buildings.

THE PAPAL PROBLEM.

Vatican City, Rome.  
An idea of the value of the new buildings which have changed the face of the Vatican since the reconciliation with Italy in 1929 is given by the report that the Pope has insured four of them against fire for £760,000 (at present rates).

The buildings insured are: the palace of the Governor of the Vatican, the Vatican Wireless Station, the Palace of Justice, and the Ethiopian College.

A building which houses some of the Vatican employees has also been included.

The insurance has been effected with four Italian companies. All these buildings have been constructed since 1929, with money paid to the Vatican under the Reconciliation Treaty in payment of the vast papal properties comprising the "Patrimony of St. Peter" which were taken over by Italy.

This money amounted to £11,350,000 in cash and £15,000,000 in 5 per cent. Italian Government Bonds.

The difficulty of finding investments for the money has provided a constant problem for the Pope's financial advisers. —Reuter.

## GRANDPA P. C.

Nineteen places became vacant in the Prague police force.

Applications for the places numbered 500. Many university graduates were among the applicants. And one was a grandfather. —Reuter.

Officials of the railway and a party of visitors viewed the progress of the scheme from a saloon carriage attached to the Flushing Continental express recently, and afterwards went to Harwich and inspected the extension works at Parkeston Quay, which are expected to be completed in about 18 months. The quay is being extended by 1,200ft. for the purpose of increasing the number of berths for steamers from eight to 11. The plans provide for a new passenger station, with Customs examination hall, and additional railway sidings, and improvements are contemplated at the existing Parkeston Quay station.

An inspection was also made of the Harwich-Zeebrugge train ferry, which was carrying a special train loaded with 304 tons of electrical equipment constructed by Messrs. C. A. Parsons and Co. and consigned to Copenhagen. The train was loaded at Newcastle-on-Tyne and travelling over the London and North Eastern system to Harwich. It consisted of 17 vehicles, 10 of the London and North Eastern Railway and seven of the German Railway Administration, and all specially constructed for travel in England and on the Continent.

On the ferry the train was divided into three parts. At Zeebrugge these will again be linked together, and without being unloaded the train will continue its journey to Copenhagen. The route to be taken will be over the Belgian, German, and Danish State railways to Copenhagen.

## BRITISH AIRCRAFT PRAISED.

Italy's Tribute To Men  
And Material.

Rome.  
"Anyone who follows attentively the progress of aviation in the different countries of the world," writes the "Osservatore Romano," the Vatican newspaper, "will have noted that British aviation has in recent years, thanks to its research, the experiments of its technicians and the endeavours of its pilots, won a place in the very front rank."

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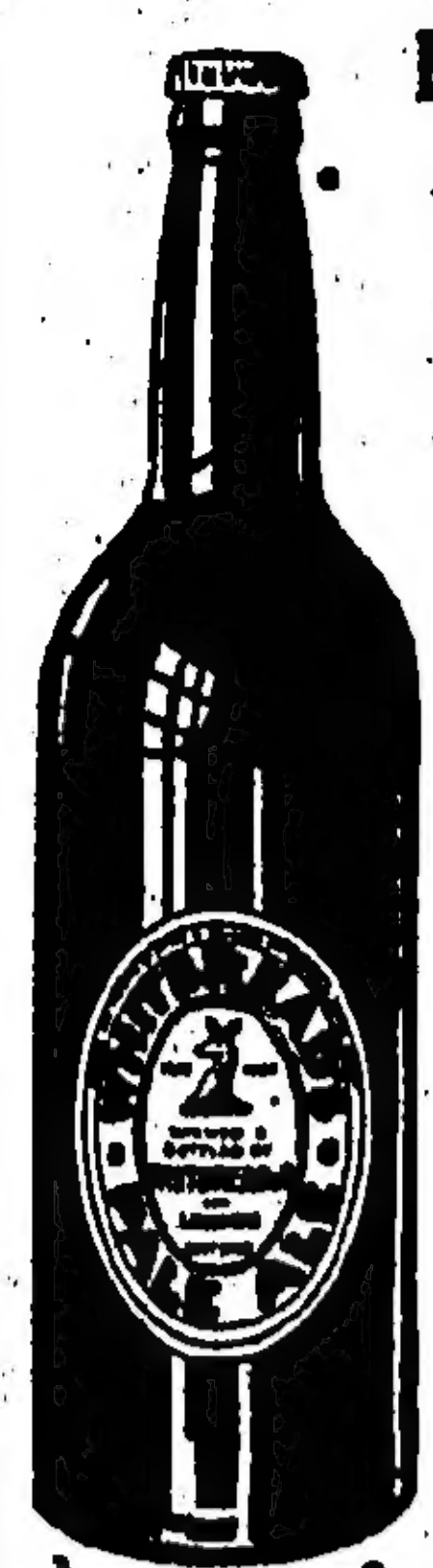
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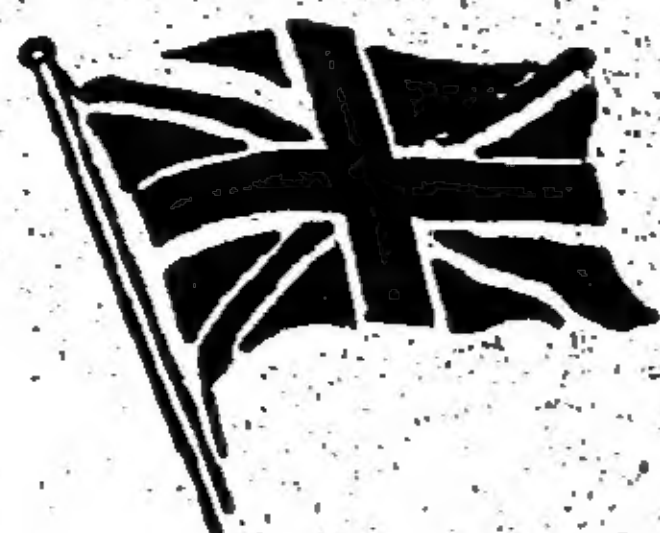
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#### World Problems.

Japan continues to penetrate Northern China. The question of the Danzig Corridor is simmering. Italy's ambitions on the eastern shore of the Adriatic disquiet Yugoslavia. Germany is reviving the worship of the mailed fist. Are these portents the harvest of a war that was supposed to have sounded the death knell upon the crude arbitrament of strife? Are dreams of goodwill to prove illusions? An atmosphere of tension pervades the international scene. The convulsion of the war upset many traditions and preconceived ideas, and the world is in the difficult process of adjusting its life to the changed order. No one knows where he stands or what the next day will bring forth. Crises, political or economic, have become so common that we regard them almost as a natural law of existence. Yet this turmoil and uncertainty coincide with the first serious experiment in world co-operation. Cynics might say that the attempt to "get together" has merely accentuated differences. Before the war Powers went their own way, contracting alliances and concluding treaties as their interests dictated. Each was the sole judge of armaments required for its security, of its tariff policy, and of all matters relating to statecraft. None would have admitted the right of a mixed panel to determine its course. International conferences were rare, and were strictly limited in their object, which was usually the adoption of uniform regulations in regard to such services as postal communications, quarantine, and sea traffic. The Hague conferences on disarmament were not a conspicuous success. This system of minding one's own business was highly individualistic, and hence con-ary to the "new spirit" which animates international affairs. However, in practice it worked fairly well. The methods of the "old diplomacy" are condemned by our enlightened age,

but they were often a lubricant which prevented friction. Nowadays international disputes are examined by committees whose personnel comprises delegates from Utopia, Ruritania, and Barataria. The party against whom an adverse decision is given asserts that, owing to their ignorance of the issues involved, they are incompetent to pass judgment. In the public controversy passions are apt to be aroused and prejudices strengthened. But under the old diplomacy, many a rupture was averted by a few discreet and confidential words exchanged by Ministers who knew exactly how far their Governments were prepared to go. In the forty-four years between the Franco-German War and the outbreak of the Great War, the horizon was often threatening, yet there was no clash of arms in Europe west of the Balkan Peninsula. It has remained for nations earnestly striving for peace and devising elaborate machinery for that end to watch with apprehension developments in various "danger spots." Germany demands revision of the treaty by which she ceded territory to the victors and to the succession States. Grant the justice of her claim, would not Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Turkey be equally entitled to appeal against the terms imposed upon them? Once more we would be plunged into the vortex of recrimination. The League, in an endeavour to pour oil on the troubled waters, would doubtless appoint a committee to investigate and report. The recommendations would be courteously acknowledged by the dissatisfied suitor and then shelved. International conferences have become the accepted principle of international dealings. They meet and disperse at frequent intervals and with rather discouraging results. Disarmament, reparations, war debts, trade barriers have been upon their agenda, paper, and the expenditure of sincere eloquence and logic has hitherto been ill-requited. At present hopes are pinned on the World Economic Conference to be held in June. America's abandonment of her policy of isolation has improved the prospects of success at international conferences, and statesmen have indicated that they are prepared to face realities. The problems which afflict the world will be solved not by trying to "take" the answer, but by recognizing their extreme complexity.

### HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

**The Duchess Of York.**  
The Duchess of York recently unveiled the two lancet windows in York Minster, designed as a memorial to the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, the regiment of which she is Colonel-in-Chief. The windows stand close to the "Five Sisters," the finest 14th-century stained-glass window in this country. An intensive study had to be made of these ancient lights before the colours and design of the new windows were decided on.

**Another Bill Adams.**  
William Adams, of Gillingham, was not the man who won the battle of Waterloo, but he was a more authentic person with a career no less remarkable—a career celebrated in Japan to-day with processions and religious ceremonies.

He might fairly be called, I suppose, the "Father of the Japanese Navy." Arriving on the Japanese coast in the year 1600 with a shipful of dead and dying men after a disastrous voyage across the Pacific, he so impressed the reigning Shogun with his knowledge of navigation that he was made much of, was given an estate, and a Japanese wife and received the distinctive title of "the Pilot." For many years he was not allowed to leave the country.

He is buried in Japan, and Anlin Cho (Pilot Street) in Tokio is named after him.

#### Your Daily Smile

"Too bad about the disappearance of Smith. He was a profound thinker."

"Yes, he was always thinking, no matter where he was. The last time I saw him he was in swimming, and he suddenly called out: 'I'm thinking! I'm thinking!'"

"You fool! Smith spoke with a lip."

**The Forty-First Psalm.**

The Lord is my car;  
I shall not want—another.  
It maketh me lie down in muddy roads;

It leareth me to say prolate words;  
It tireth my soul;

It taketh me into the path of disgrace for its name's sake;  
Yea, though I ride through the valley;

I shall walk up the hill;  
I shall have no comfort while it is with me;

Thy cranks and thy springs they discomfort me;  
Thou anointest my head with oil;  
Thy radiator runneth over.

Surely if this thing shall follow me all the days of my life  
I shall dwell in the bughouse for ever.—"Walla Walla."

#### NEAT!

Young Ike, an assistant in his father's barber's shop, was expostulating with his parent over a cut in wages.

"But, father," he said, "I don't see why I should receive lower wages in the summer than in winter. People still come into the shop and get their hair cut just the same."

"Yeth, my son," was the reply, "but your work will be lighter. You will not have to help them on with their overcoats."

#### Facts You Did Not Know.

An Italian inventor's airplane is virtually a large wooden tube with wings, the propeller as well as pilot being inside the tube so that the stream of the former does not impinge on the wings to cause drag.

Operated by a storage battery, a motor driven car has been invented to be clamped to the stern of a fisherman's boat to propel it at low speed, having the advantage over a propeller that it does not frighten fish.

England may become independent of the United States for its supply of helium, as experimenters have succeeded in obtaining considerable quantities of the gas from methane sand, used in the manufacture of gas mantles.

## STATE UNEMPLOYED BURDEN

### NATIONAL SUPERVISION FOR PARISHES

NEED FOR EQUALISATION

(By A. A. B.)

London. In the North—the closed coalpit, the silent shipyard and the half-time mill. These shiftings of industry are not new; the forests of Sussex were once the scene of the iron foundries. They are always attended with distress and complaint. Never before has it occurred on so large a scale and in the middle of a world slump which is one of the consequences of the Great War.

Public opinion has with unusual discrimination, separated itself from Socialist or Communist views on this question. It is now recognised by all sensible and humane persons that the conditions of to-day call for something in the way of equalisation between different districts, and it is now generally admitted that the support of the able-bodied unemployed should be shouldered to an increased extent by the Imperial Exchequer. Indeed, the principle has long been practised in the metropolis by the partial equalisation of the poor rate. It has seemed indefensible that Bermondsey and Poplar should have a rate of 20s. in the £ while Westminster and Kensington should have metropolitan boroughs all contribute a rate of 10s. Accordingly, the a moderate amount to a common poor fund, which is distributed amongst the poorer boroughs.

**Twenty-nine Acts.**  
That is practically and essentially what the Government proposes to do by a temporary or stop-gap measure. The present Act (the 29th of its kind), which provides for the assistance of those who have exhausted their insurance benefit, as well as those who have outstayed their transitional benefit (rightly called doles), expires in June. The Government has promised to introduce in the autumn session a comprehensive new measure dealing with the whole question of the able-bodied unemployed in their relation to the public assistance committees of the local authorities. Presumably the lag will be filled by a continuance of the present law of transitional benefit.

It does not appear to be decided yet whether the new legislation is to be entrusted to the Minister of Health or the Minister of Labour.

Without any disrespect to Sir E. Hilton Young, and while fully appreciating his firmness and vigour as an administrator, I will not refrain from expressing the hope that the mission will be placed in the hands of Sir Henry Betterton. Of all modern Ministers of Labour he has been the most successful, and that because of a rare gift of sympathy, which is expressed in a manner that is particularly suited to dealing with the working classes.

**Dangers.**  
Panic legislation is bad, and laws passed in a period of exceptional trade depression are open to many similar objections. It is mere partisan blindness to shut one's eyes to the dangers of the new policy. We are told that it is only an expenditure of some extra six millions that will be added to the (Continued on Page 7.)

It has at last been decided by Parliament that national supervision and control shall still further supersede local responsibility. No serious man can regard the prospect without uneasiness, for it means the increasing power of politicians to manipulate a matter of the utmost importance to the solvency of the State and to the national character.

#### Tides Of Trade.

But, indeed, events have left us little choice. The tides of trade are as incalculable and almost as uncontrollable as those of the sea. A tidal wave has swept Great Britain from north to south. Owing to the failure or impoverishment of the basic or staple trades—the coal, the textile, the shipbuilding and the steel trades—there has been a migration of capital and employment from the north to the south of England. Anyone has only to contrast a visit through the Black Country with its glare of blast furnaces and tall chimneys with a drive down the Great West Road, through Ealing to Slough, through its factories of luxury and amusement, pianos, motors, cinemas, etc., to realise the industrial transformation.

While it is pleasant to reflect that post-war England has money to spend on motors and cinemas, all this means desolation and distress

#### EMPIRE FAIR.

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Since the last list of donations to the expenses of the British Empire Fair was published a week ago, the following further contributions have been received, bringing the total subscribed \$3,040,000—

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## MANSLAUGHTER TRIAL AGAINST M. W. HALLUMS

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Witness said he saw T-2051-H that morning after passing through Lyemoo Pass at a little after 7.30 a.m.

The launch's gig was lowered that morning for the purpose of making contact with the junk, witness and five other Chinese seamen forming the crew of the gig.

Boyle said that when the gig was lowered the junk was about 40 to 50 yards away in a Northerly direction. The junk was heading North with her bow to the East. He was unaware of what was happening elsewhere but noticed that his crew had become very excited.

Immediately afterwards he heard the splintering of wood and thought the Customs vessel had collided into the stern of the junk.

"We took no arms on board the gig and as far as I know the persons on board were unarmed. I heard nothing but the splintering of wood.

Witness Warned.  
Mr. Fraser asked His Lordship's permission to refresh the mind of witness as to the statements he made at the Magistrate's Court. Mr. Fraser:—You told the learned Magistrate that you saw something on the launch?

Boyle:—Yes, I told him I had seen smoke from the gun, and heard two reports, but as you did not ask me the question I did not give this explanation.

His Lordship:—(To Witness). "I have recorded in my notes that you said in your evidence a few minutes ago, 'I cannot say whether I heard a gun or not.' And now, you say that you did see the smoke and heard two reports. You had better be careful of what statements you make."

Mr. Fraser: When you left the launch you were given certain instructions by the accused, were you not?

Witness: Yes, that is so, I was to lower the gig, get near enough to pick up a man from the water and then get back.

What was the object of your doing this?—It is obvious.

Cross-examined by Mr. Macnamara, witness said that when he and his crew arrived back in the launch, they made to follow the junk to Hong Kong harbour.

"Packets Thrown Overboard."

"On the way back I noticed a crowd of perhaps five or six persons throwing small packets resembling rolled up silk stockings from the starboard side of the junk into the sea. They were as large as a man's fist, and were as many as could fill a bucket."

Re-examined by Mr. Fraser, Boyle said that they did not pick up any person as they intended to.

At the time the objects were being thrown overboard from the junk, he had no idea what they were.

In reply to Mr. Fraser he did not think they floated but could not be sure. There were five or six persons standing on the starboard side of the junk. The articles were shoved over in one heap.

In reply to His Lordship, witness said that as far as he could recollect, one of the shots was fired when the junk had her starboard side to the launch's forward gun and a few minutes when she had her port side, this by means of changing her course.

Relating his arrival back on the launch and his subsequent conversation with Hallums, Boyle said that as he could remember, Hallums had told him that the junk's crew had thrown bombs at him and he had fired at the junk, not intending to do any damage but to frighten the junk's crew.

"Dynamite Thrown At Junk."

Jay Mun, said he was a member of the launch's crew on April 1, and had been responsible for the loading of the gun from which the shells were fired.

Asked by Mr. Fraser why the gun was fired, witness said: "Because dynamite had been thrown at us."

Jay Mun said he loaded the gun a few minutes after the gig had left the launch, the gun being fired soon after.

Asked who had fired the gun, witness replied, "The accused fired the gun, two successive shots at short intervals."

Cross-examined by Mr. Macnamara witness said, "Two sticks of dynamite were thrown at us. Before the first shot was fired I saw someone light the fuse of what appeared to be dynamite and then throw it. It did not hit the launch but fell into the water where it exploded."

The case is proceeding.

## BRITAIN EXTENDS INCOME TAX

Co-operative Societies To Be Hit.

NECESSITY OF EQUALITY

London, To-day.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, yesterday in the House of Commons, moved a financial resolution to authorise legislation to carry out the recommendations of the Committee upon Income-tax in relation to Co-operative Societies.

Under the present law undistributed income derived from trading with members is exempted from taxation, and the Government's intention is to repeal that section.

Mr. Chamberlain explained that efforts had been made to reach an agreed basis of taxation with Co-operative Societies, but this had failed, and the Government had had to formulate its own proposals.

The effect of the resolution was merely to put these Societies in the same position as the other trading companies carrying on identical activities.—British Wireless Service.

## TWO PICK-POCKETS GAOLED.

Watchman Commended.

Lam Siu Sang, with two previous convictions against him, and whose term of ten years banishment expired in March this year, in company with Yip Kau Kan, with five previous convictions against him, were charged before Mr. Wynne Jones, at the Central Magistracy this morning, with attempting to pick the pockets of several persons on May 19.

Both defendants were sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour, and the first defendant is to be automatically banished on the expiry of his sentence, while the second defendant, being a native of Hong Kong, is to remain under Police supervision for two years.

District Watchman No. 111, Yue Sin Po, was commended by His Worship for his work in arresting the two defendants. He stated in evidence that he saw the two prisoners attempt to pick the pocket of a Chinese in Des Vaux Road, Central.

## SERIOUS CHARGE ADJOURNED.

Defendant To Marry Girl In Case.

The case in which Lam Fung, 24, motor-car driver, was charged with having carnal knowledge of Ng Yee Mui, alias Leung Kam, a married girl under sixteen years of age, on April 19, at the Wan Hoi boarding house at Connaught Road West, and also with harbouring an unmarried girl, Ng Yee Mui, without the consent of the girl's mother, was concluded before Mr. Wynne Jones, at the Central Magistracy this morning.

His Worship adjourned the case sine die to enable the defendant to carry out his promise of marriage.

Both parties admitted the intimacy. Mr. Wynne Jones said that it appeared that the mother of the girl had used the immoral proceedings in order to obtain money from the defendant.

## ORDER OF ST. JOHN.

Mrs. Rosa Langley As A "Serving Sister."

His Majesty the King, Sovereign Head of the Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem, has been graciously pleased to sanction the admission of Mrs. Rosa Langley as a "Serving Sister" of the Order of St. John, as from February 17, 1933, the date of His Majesty's Sign Manual.

An announcement of this honour will in due course appear in the London Gazette.

## FAN TAN PLAYERS LOSE BAIL MONEY

Chan Tak Chuen and Muk Fat, charged with running a Fan Tan school, at Pottinger Street, were absent from the Central Police Court when their names were called this morning.

In consequence, Mr. Wynne Jones ordered their bail of \$20 each to be forfeited. The sum of \$3,772 which had been seized at the scene of the gambling was confiscated.

## EMPIRE DAY MOVEMENT

Earl Jellicoe Sends Message.

TRUE EMPIRE SPIRIT

The following Empire Day message has been received from the Admiral of the Fleet, Earl Jellicoe, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., President of the Empire Day Movement:

"In sending my hearty greetings and best wishes as President of the Empire Day Movement to every part of His Majesty's Dominions, I wish to express my admiration of the magnificent spirit which has dominated the whole Empire during the very difficult year through which we have passed—a year in which industrial depression has caused much suffering and sorrow to all classes. It is a happy thought that the great Conference at Ottawa last year drew still closer the ties which bind the Empire together in a bond of mutual co-operation for the benefit of all.

"The true Empire spirit which inspired the representatives at Ottawa from all the Dominions sounded a very welcome note of hope for the future industrial prosperity of the Empire. Should we not then unite in a firm determination, when celebrating Empire Day, to support Empire unity both in spirit and in deed? Remember the watchwords of our Movement: Duty, Responsibility, Sympathy and Self-sacrifice for the Empire."

JELICOE, A. F.

## LUNCH PARTY FOR CANTON VISITORS

On Thursday a lunch will be offered at the Hong Kong Hotel in honour of Dr. Kan Chia Hau, Inspector General for Foreign Affairs of the Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Yun-nan, Kweichow and Fuk-ken provinces in Canton by Commander A. Bianconi, Consul General for Italy in Canton.

Several other guests from Canton and some personal Hong Kong friends of Mr. Bianconi will attend the lunch.

## STATE UNEMPLOYED BURDEN

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burden of the taxpayer. But these estimates of future liability are, like the estimates of Sir Carte Blanche when he is building a new house, invariably exceeded.

We remember how Mr. Churchill's Bill for widows' pensions has been mounting up; and the cost of old age pensions in 1911 was \$3,299,931, which rose in 1925 to \$22,941,288, and is far more to-day, while the cost of poor relief in the same period has risen from \$15,000,000 odd to \$36,000,000 odd.

The reception of proposals by a section of the Opposition gives us fair warning of the other danger latent in the State's decision. The sneers, jeers, and suspicions expressed by a politician of the official standing of Mr. Greenwood is an ugly reminder that this question of unemployment relief may and will be used by the Socialists to gain votes, in which case it will become an engine of political corruption.

If only Mr. Chamberlain would be bold, as Mr. J. W. Hills suggests he might be, and take a shilling off the income tax, he would halve the unemployment. But will he, or is he stupefied by Mr. Baldwin's fatalism. In recently endeavouring to prove to Lord Wolmer that he, Mr. Baldwin, is not such a fool as he looks, the Lord President expounded the doctrine that Conservatism, as it is generally understood, is impossible to-day, and that the only thing to do is to swim with the tide. I do not believe the local associations share this hopeless view.

## BOND PROVIDED FOR SPANARD

At the Central Magistracy, yesterday afternoon, Mr. Wynne Jones withdrew the expulsion order made against a destitute Spaniard, Jose del Pan, last Saturday.

Mr. Leo D'Almada, Snr., assured His Worship that the brother of Jose del Pan, who was manager of the Station Hotel, Kowloon, was prepared to sign a bond for \$1,000.

To-day's Short Story.

## THE SCREAMING SKULL

By F. Marion Crawford.

I HAVE often heard it scream. No, I am not nervous, I am not imaginative, and I never believed in ghosts, unless that thing is one. Whatever it is, it hates me almost as much as it hated Luke Pratt, and it screams at me.

If I were you, I would never tell ugly stories about ingenious ways of killing people, for you never can tell but that some one at the table may be tired of his or her nearest and dearest. I have always blamed myself for Mrs. Pratt's death, and I suppose I was responsible for it in a way, though heaven knows I never wished her anything but long life and happiness. If I had not told that story she might be alive yet. That is why the thing screams at me, I fancy.

She was a good little woman, with a sweet temper, all things considered, and a nice gentle voice; but I remember hearing her shriek once when she thought her little boy was killed by a pistol that went off, though every one was sure that it was not loaded. It was the same scream; exactly the same, with a sort of rising quaver at the end; do you know what I mean? Unmistakable.

The truth is, I had not realised that the doctor and his wife were not on good terms. They used to bicker a bit now and then when I was here, and I often noticed that little Mrs. Pratt got very red and bit her lip hard to keep her temper, while Luke grew pale and said the most offensive things. He was that sort when he was in the nursery, I remember, and afterwards at school. He was my cousin, you know; that is how I came by this house; after he died, and his boy Charles was killed in South Africa, there were no relations left.

One always remembers one's mistakes much more vividly than one's cleverest things, doesn't one?

## OPIUM DIVAN OWNER.

\$175 Fines Imposed.

Man Fook, charged with being in possession of non-Government opium, and with keeping an opium divan at 172, Third Street, was fined \$100 or five weeks on the first charge, and \$75 or one month's imprisonment on the second charge by Mr. Wynne Jones, at the Central Magistracy, this morning. All opium, lamps, and pipes, were confiscated.

Revenue Officer Grimmitt stated in evidence that the defendant had fought with the raiding Revenue Officers, and had thrown the opium out of the window of the house, but it was later recovered.

## LOCAL PROPERTY SALE.

\$208,014 Transaction.

Negotiations for the sale of K.L.L. 524, situate at the corner of Cameron and Chatham Roads, for the sum of \$208,014, have been completed by Messrs. Fred Kw & Co., brokers, acting on behalf of vendor and purchaser. Completion of the sale of this 70,000 square feet property will take place in July.

The same firm have also sold a parcel of land, on Waterloo Road, comprising 25,350 square feet, to the Metropolitan Land and Building Co. The vendor was Mr. Lee, and the sale price, \$30,420.

## News In Brief.

Leung Cheuk, was fined \$80 or three weeks' imprisonment with hard labour, for being in possession of 105 Po Piu lottery tickets at Connaught Road, Central, by Mr. Wynne Jones at the Central Magistracy, this morning.

A summons brought by Mr. W. B. Curtis, who has a house and pencil factory at Cheung Sha Wan Road, against Lo Po, owner of a rattan factory just across the road from Mr. Curtis' house, was heard by Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Magistracy, yesterday afternoon. Lo Po was fined \$20 for making a noise sufficient to disturb his neighbour.

I've often noticed it. I was dining with the Fratts one night when I told them the story that afterwards made so much difference. It was a wet night in November, and the sea was moaning. Hush!—if you don't speak you will hear it now. . . . Do you hear the tide? Gloomy sound, isn't it? Sometimes, about this time of year—hallo!—there it is! Don't be frightened, man—it won't eat you—it's only a noise, after all!

But I'm glad you've heard it, because there are always people who think it's the wind, or my imagination, or something. You won't hear it again to-night, I fancy, for it doesn't often come more than once.

Yes, it was on a night like this, when I was at home for a spell, waiting to take the Olympia out on her first trip. Ninety-two was the year, early in November.

## TO-MORROW'S STORY.

To-morrow's story will be the concluding chapter of "The Screaming Skull," by F. Marion Crawford.

The weather was dirty. Pratt was out of temper, and the dinner was bad, very bad indeed, which didn't improve matters, and cold, which made it worse. The poor little lady was very unhappy about it, and insisted on making a Welsh rarebit on the table to counteract the raw turnips and the half-boiled mutton. Pratt must have had a hard day. Perhaps he had lost a patient. At all events, he was in a nasty temper.

"My wife is trying to poison me, you see!" he said. "She'll succeed some day." I saw that she was hurt, and I made believe to laugh, and said that Mrs. Pratt was much too clever to get rid of her husband in such a simple way; and then I began to tell them about Japanese tricks with spun glass and chopped horsehair and the like.

Pratt was a doctor, and knew a lot more than I did about medicine, and I told a story about a woman in Ireland who did for three husbands before anyone suspected foul play.

Did you never hear that tale? The fourth husband managed to keep awake and caught her, and she was hanged. How did she do it? She drugged them, and poured melted lead into their ears through a little horn funnel when they were asleep.

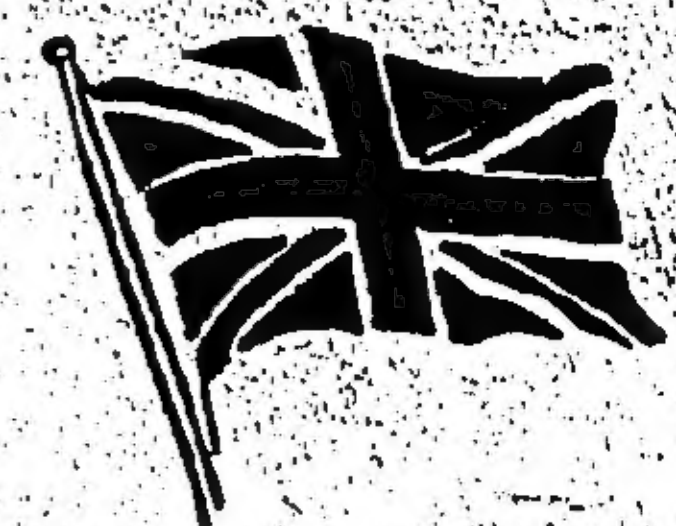
No—that's the wind whistling. It's backing up to the southward again. I can tell by the sound. Besides, the other thing doesn't often come more than once in an evening even at this time of year—when it happened. Yes, it was in November. Poor Mrs. Pratt died suddenly in her bed not long after I dined here.

Luke must have been lonely here after she was dead, I should think; I came to see him now and then, and he looked worn and nervous, and told me that his practice was growing too heavy for him, though he wouldn't take an assistant on any account. Years went on, and his son was killed in South Africa, and after that he began to be queer. There was something about him not like other people.

Luke was a red-headed man with a pale face when he was young, and he was never stout; in middle-age he turned a sandy grey, and after his son died he grew thinner and thinner, till his head looked like a skull with parchment stretched over it very tight, and his eyes had a sort of glare in them that was very disagreeable to look at.

He had an old dog that poor Mrs. Pratt had been fond of and that used to follow her everywhere. He was a bulldog, and the sweetest tempered beast you ever saw, though he had a way of hitching his upper lip behind one of his fangs that frightened strangers a good deal. Sometimes, of an evening, Pratt and Bumble—that was the dog's name—used to sit and look at each other a long time, thinking about old times, I suppose, when Luke's wife used to sit in that chair you've got. That was always her place, and this was the doctor's, where I'm sitting. Bumble used to climb up the footstool—he was old and fat by that time, and could not jump much, and his teeth were getting shaky. He would look steadily at Luke, and Luke looked steadily at the dog, his

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## SUSSEX AND NOTTS OPTIMISTIC

### Larwood And Voce Expected To Be Key Bowlers

#### DULEEPSINHJI MISSED BY THE SOUTHERNERS

(By White Willow.)

London, April 26. ALL eyes will be turned on Notts cricket when the season begins, and for the first few weeks, at any rate, the interest everywhere in the doings of the county that finished fourth in the championship last summer will be abnormal.

There is hardly any need to say why.

Larwood's doughty deeds in Australia, and the possibility that, with the continued support of Voce, bowling at the other end, his sensational success with the ball will be repeated in the county matches, even if his methods are different, has brought about a situation little short of epoch-making.



If Larwood's foot injury does not keep him out of the team for the opening fixtures Notts will in all likelihood have recorded two victories—against Worcestershire and Glamorgan, who visit Trent Bridge on May 3 and 4—almost before the other leading counties have begun to swing their bats!

#### Danger of Staleness.

On the other hand, if Larwood and Voce show staleness, as those who are aware of the possible after-effects of a strenuous Australian tour fear they may, the prospect of Notts renewing their challenge to Yorkshire may not be so bright. The brothers Staples, useful though they are as relay bowlers, would hardly be formidable if they alone could be called upon, match after match—even though S. Staples doubled his previous season's total of wickets last summer.

That the county committee are aware of the danger of relying too much on individuals may be gathered from their list of young players who are being carefully nursed. It includes Oates, a right-hand bowler of medium pace, and Butler, stated to be a very promising right-hand fast bowler, who, though only 18 years of age, is regarded as the most useful bowler to join the staff since the appearance of Larwood. In addition to these the "coits" include Taylor and Knowles (batmen) and Wheat, a wicket-keeper, all of whom may be given their trial during the coming campaign.

In batting, however, the county has already a solidity which few sides can equal. It is no exaggeration to say that nine out of the regular eleven are capable of hitting up a 50 if not a century, and even if we have seen the best of Walker and Carr, who will again be the captain, Keaton, Harris, G. V. Gunn, Hardstaff and Shipston are all players with a promising future.

#### Walker's Benefit.

The patient manner in which some of these young players are being encouraged, in spite of occasional disappointments, deserves the happiest reward.

George Gunn, I understand, hopes to turn out now and then, and Willis Walker, who also made his first appearance for the county before the war, will continue to play regularly. He takes a benefit this year, and has chosen for it the Lancashire match in July. Since 1922, when he became firmly established in the eleven, Walker has scored over 12,000 runs for Notts, including twenty-three centuries. Visitors to the Trent Bridge ground will see some pleasing alterations. All the pavilions have been asphalted, and a new members' entrance, comprising a set of ornamental gates, will be formally opened and dedicated to the memory of J. A. Dixon, by Sir Stanley Jackson on May 2, the first day of the season.

SUSSEX are bound to begin the new season with great expectations after their thrilling fight for the championship last year, when they were defeated by Yorkshire only in the closing week of August.

But they will take the field under a handicap, for the withdrawal of K. S. Duleepsinhji diminishes in no small measure their power. How serious his absence may prove is suggested by the palpable decline of the side in their concluding matches last season, when they were already without his leadership and assistance in batting and fielding.

Bowley, of course, was also badly missed when he found himself unable to play through indisposition, and it is good to know that he has now recovered. R. S. G. Scott will lead the side in Duleepsinhji's absence, and, as he will have under him all the other men who fought so strongly last summer, it can be taken for granted that they start with optimism.

#### Full Fixture List.

That they have not been too much discouraged we may gather from their fixture list. They have undertaken what even Yorkshire are not attempting—to play the full programme of thirty-two matches permitted under the revised championship scheme.

#### HOW THEY STAND NOW.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Sussex	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notts	4	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

The evergreen Maurice Tate will again lead the attack. James Langridge, Wansley and Scott himself, whose fast bowling has become very useful indeed, will form Tate's main support. That Langridge and in a minor way, Wansley are also batsmen is a big advantage.

As a matter of fact, part of the prosperity of Sussex is explained by the capacity of several who are outstanding with the bat or the ball to turn all-rounders when the need occurs. Bowley in particular. J. H. Parks is firmly established in the side, with his brother Harry, but Cook has lost some of his reliability.

A. Melville, last year's Oxford University captain, H. E. Hammond, Cox (G.), and Cornford (J.) will all be at hand to fill likely vacancies. In Duleepsinhji's absence Cox may have his chance as one of the regular team.

The first thought of Sussex when the season opens must be to stabilise their eleven. Their avoidance of changes cultivates the team spirit, without which no county can hope to prosper—or win the championship. Their other great asset has been the capacity to enjoy their cricket.

Financially the county are in a healthy condition. The mortgage of £7,000 on the Hove ground has at last been cleared off, and the club is free from debt.

## YORKSHIRE'S TRIUMPH OVER LEICESTER

(Continued from Page 1.)

### COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

#### TABLE TO DATE

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Sussex	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yorkshire	4	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lancs.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warwick	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middlesex	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kent	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surrey	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Derbyshire	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gloucester	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Essex	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notts	4	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Glamorgan	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worcestershire	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leicestershire	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nottingham	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Somerset	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## GORILLA JONES LOSES TITLE

N.B.A. Decide He Was Stalling.

Lansing, MICH., May 14.

For stalling in a bout with Ben Jey at Cleveland on April 19, Gorilla Jones, Akron Negro, was today declared non-title holder in the middle-weight division under the National Boxing Association.

Heretofore Jones was recognized champion by the National Boxing Association by virtue of a seventh-round knockout win he secured over Sammy Slaughter on January 30, this year.

Jey, the New York Boxing Commission's title-holder, annexed the crown on January 13 after technically knocking out Frank Battaglia of Canada in the 12th round of a scheduled 15-rounder at New York.

April 19 Jones and Jey were brought together in an attempt to establish a universal champion. The two stalled and did little in the way of fighting, resulting in the fight being declared a no contest.

## The China Mail Sports Diary

### TO-DAY

Billiards—Soldiers' Club Tournament. R.A.M.C. v. Small Units (6 p.m.)  
Lawn Bowls—Open Championship. J. MacDonald v. J. S. Logan  
C. E. Marquis v. T. Ferguson  
W. L. Field v. J. G. Osofo  
K.B.C. green, 5.20 p.m.)  
Lawn Tennis—H.K. Area League, Kowloon Section  
24th Battery, R.A. v. H.Q. Lincoln  
Hong Kong Section  
H.Q. S.W.B. v. "D" Co., S.W.B.

### TO-MORROW

Lawn Bowls—Open Championship  
R. Hall v. J. S. Houghton  
W. S. Drake v. J. Chadwick  
(Recreio green, 5.20 p.m.)

### THURSDAY

Billiards—Garrison League  
Small Units v. Lincoln  
Royal Engineers v. R.A.M.C.  
S.W.B. v. Royal Artillery  
Lawn Bowls—Open Championship  
J. Fraser v. J. M. Jackson  
G. H. Shariff v. A. S. Gomes  
(Kowloon C.C. green, 5.20 p.m.)  
Lawn Tennis—H.K. Area League, Kowloon Section  
H.K. S.R.A. v. 29th Battery, R.A.  
Hong Kong Section  
R.A.S.C. v. 12th Battery, R.A.

### FRIDAY

Billiards—Soldiers' Club Tournament  
24th Battery, R.A. v. Prison officers  
mess (6 p.m.)  
Lawn Tennis—H.K. Area League, Kowloon Section  
"A" Company, Lincoln v. Signals  
Hong Kong Section  
R.A.O.C. v. "C" Company, S.W.B.

## PITTSBURGH PIRATES BLANKED

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### TABLES TO DATE

	W.	L.	Per.
Pittsburgh	20	11	.645
St. Louis	19	15	.558
New York	17	14	.548
Brooklyn	15	14	.517
Cincinnati	15	17	.468
Boston	15	19	.437
Chicago	15	19	.441
Philadelphia	14	20	.411
American League			
New York	19	11	.633
Washington	20	14	.588
Cleveland	18	15	.545
Philadelphia	15	14	.517
Chicago	16	15	.516
St. Louis	14	20	.411
Detroit	12	19	.387
Boston	11	19	.366

BERLIN, May 15.—The German capital's dense network of waterways may be increased by one canal as the result of a search for a suitable course for the regatta of the Olympic Games to be held here in 1936.  
Because of the heavy traffic on the regular course on the Spree river in Germany, an eastern suburb, English Olympic representatives objected to holding the regatta there, and now a plan to relieve traffic by the construction of a short-cut canal between Deschowitz and Seddin lakes nearby, has been approved.  
The project calls for construction by voluntary labour squads—Assault Force.

## ATHLETICS

### Has The Human Limit Been Reached?

#### AMAZING FEATS AT OLYMPIAD

(By Arthur Simmons.)

I LOVE athletics, and I have spent a fascinating half-hour examining figures in the "British Olympic Journal" of the world's best performances last year. These achievements of the world's best tens in track and field events are the most remarkable in the history of the sport.

Record after record was smashed and spread freely over these marvellous feats are the letters U.S.A.

The Americans indeed had a wonderful year. Metcalfe gained the great distinction of showing the best time ever for 100 metres and 200 metres. His time for the sprint was 10 2-10 secs. for 200 metres 20 3-10secs. Such figures are phenomenal. One hundred metres is equal to 103.3yds., 200 metres to 218.6yds.

#### It Happened.

What running! When Harold Abrahams won the Olympic games 100 metres at Paris in 1924 in 10.3-5 secs., most people were confident this distance would never be run in faster time. Well, it has happened, and students of track athletics will appreciate the amazing pace of Metcalfe in clipping Abrahams' record by two-fifths of a second.

Two American sprinters put up time last year only 1-10th of a second slower than Metcalfe and six were equal to 10 4-10 secs.

No British runner gets a place in the world's first ten for 100 metres, or 200 metres, or 400 metres!

But as regards the 400 metres, it may properly be advanced that Great Britain surely would have had one runner very light in the list had Lieutenant Rampling been at his best. This great quarter-miler suffered serious setbacks in his training. It was touch and go whether he went to Los Angeles. He could never have felt thoroughly wound up.

Seven of the ten fastest 200 metres were achieved by Americans, and eight of them covered 400 metres (437.2yds) inside 48secs. Carr, in recording 46.2secs., of course smashed the world's best. Just flying. I would have given something to see that run.

#### Cheer For Britain.

All America so far. Now a cheer for Great Britain. Tom Hampson moved magnificently to win the Olympic 800 metres (874.4 yards). The pace of the race was terrific—record-breaking. The time was 1min. 49.8secs. Hampson when he carried the tape became the first man to get inside 1min. 50secs. for the distance.

Hampson must have returned thanks for the Games being at Los Angeles. The climatic conditions there are perfect. Are such figures possible in this country? Who can say? If I say no, some one will contradict me and insist that it is all a question of training long enough and on the right lines.

Well, I am not going into training matters now, except to point out that, generally speaking, we take our athletics differently from the Americans, the Germans, a number of other countries—and the Japs. It is seldom, indeed, a British athlete will spend months over a preparation. When this does happen—we find the goods.

To return to Tom Hampson. It would please the world if in the coming season he had a shot to beat 1min. 50secs. for the full half-mile. But I was told some time ago that he might not again be seen on the track. I hope my informant is proved wrong. Apart from Hampson, we had only one half-miler—Powell—last enough for the world's first ten last year. The fact that he did 800 metres in 1min. 42.8secs. allows the marvellous quality of the man above him. Six U.S.A. runners now made 1min. 52secs.

The nearest to Hampson were Wilson (Canada) and Eastman (U.S.A.), each timed at 1min. 50secs. for 800 metres.

The honour of being the world's record holder at 1,500 metres goes to Beccali, of Italy. A superb mover. Beccali landed the Olympic event. His time was 3mins. 51.2secs.—exactly one second better than J. F. Cornes (Great Britain) and Edwards (Canada).

#### Field Events.

So we proceed through this wonderful list. Best man at 5,000 metres. Lehtinen (Finland)—how those Finns do train; best man at 10,000 metres, Kuscocinski (Poland).

We pass from track events to field events. Great Britain nowhere, of course, for Tisdall, the hurdler, and O'Callaghan, the hammerthrower, top of their respective classes, belong to Ireland.

Field event distances and times amazing. A string of world's records—Javelin, Jarviven (Finland), 242ft. 10.2ins.; shot putt, Douda (Czechoslovakia), 53ft. 1.8ins.; pole vault, Graber (U.S.A.), 14ft. 4.4ins.; long jump, Nambu (Japan), 26ft. 2.2ins.; hop, step, and jump, Nambu (Japan), 51ft. 7ins. What figures!

The world's high jump record was not broken. Wards (U.S.A.) had as the best of the year a mere 6ft. 7ins. Ten N.S.A. "leppers" beat 6ft. 5ins. O'Callaghan (Ireland) threw the hammer 176ft. 11ins.

As a glorious win-up—the hurdles. It is fresh in the memory how Tisdall pricked the world's best for 400 metres and could not be awarded the record because he knocked down one hurdle. Tough luck. Tisdall's time was 51.8secs.

Hardin and Taylor (both U.S.A.) are credited with the world's record of 52secs. dead, Lord Burghley is rated 2-5secs. slower. We have no other hurdler in the top ten for 400 metres.

We are out of it altogether in the 110 metres hurdles. Keller (U.S.A.), world's record 14secs., at the head. We run down the list. All U.S.A. hurdlers with the exception of one German. And that concludes my half-hour with the record-breakers. Many of these athletes appear to have reached the absolute limit. But have they? You never can tell.

## RODOSTO'S QUALIFICATION FOR THE DERBY.

Princess de Faucigny Lucinge's Entry.

Paris, May 15.

In view of the victory won by Rodosto in the course of a recent contest for colts, Princess de Faucigny Lucinge, owner of the colt, yesterday decided to send Rodosto to England where the colt will compete in the forthcoming Epsom Derby. Rodosto is favourite for the classic.

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# Sporting Page

## OZORIO PLAYING BOWLS TITLE GAME TO-DAY.

Three Encounters At Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

J. G. Ozorio, one of the last eight in the 1932 Championship, will be seen in opposition to W. F. Field at the Bowling Green Club to-day.

He was eliminated by L. A. Gutierrez, the winner, in the Fourth Round by 21-13.

T. Ferguson, who last year succumbed to F. Cullen by 21-7, will be opposed to C. E. Marques, a Recreio player of great promise.

J. Macdonald and J. S. Logan will contest the only other game in to-day's programme.

[All games start at 5.20]

## BORDERERS BAND WIN OVER THE LINCOLNS

Trowt And Simmonds In Useful Stand.

BUT BORDERERS WIN CRICKET

Overwhelming Win For The Lincolns At Snooker

The Borderers' Band won two of their three sports events against the Band of the Lincolns yesterday.

The following were the results.

Cricket:

Borderers won by 3 wickets.

Billiards:

Borderers won by 6 points.

Snooker:

Lincolns won by 90 points.

In the cricket match big hitting by L/Cpl. Smith and Pte. Kelly turned the tide in favour of the Borderers, who lost their first two wickets for only 10 runs. Pte. Ulyatt being the successful bowler on each occasion.

The Lincolns were indebted to B. M. Trowt, who played for the Army in League matches last season, and L/Cpl. Simmonds for their total of 99. The pair added 47 runs after five wickets had fallen for 21 runs. Trowt included five boundaries in his 29.

Poor fielding after a series of successes, however, lost the Lincolns the match.

The following were the scores:

LINCOLNS:—

Sgt. Goble, c and b Nichol .. 9

Pte. Trussell, c Hughes, b Nichol .. 4

Pte. Dobbs, c Davis, b Martin .. 4

Pte. Ulyatt, c Harnden, b Martin .. 1

B. M. Trowt, c Sparks, b Smith .. 29

Capt. F. R. Williams, c and b Martin .. 2

L/Cpl. Simmonds, b Hughes .. 19

L/Sgt. Prosser, not out .. 10

Pte. Bourne, b Hughes .. 1

Bdsm. Somerville, b Hughes .. 4

Pte. Atkinson, c Morgan, b Hughes .. 10

Extras .. 2

Total .. 99

Bowling—Hughes 4 for 16; Martin 3 for 22.

BORDERERS:—

L/Cpl. Richardson, b Ulyatt .. 10

L/Cpl. Smith, st Simmonds, b Williams .. 26

Pte. Martin, b Ulyatt .. 0

Sgt. Harnden, st Simmonds, b Williams .. 16

Pte. Kelly, not out .. 32

L/Cpl. Davis, c Trussell, b Williams .. 0

L/Cpl. Meyrick, run out .. 0

Bdsm. Hughes, b Ulyatt .. 5

Pte. Morgan, not out .. 2

Extras .. 15

Total (for 7 wickets) .. 104

Bdsm. Hughes and Pte. Sparks did not bat.

Bowling—Williams 3 for 29; Ulyatt 2 for 39.

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## BASA'S DRAMATIC BOWLS WIN

### BEER BEATEN 21-20 ON THE 27TH HEAD

### COATES, ECCLESHALL & POST ENTER THE SECOND ROUND

(By Short Head.)

THE 1933 COLONY LAWN BOWLS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP, WHICH HAS ATTRACTED A RECORD ENTRY OF 97 COMPETITORS, COMMENCED YESTERDAY WITH FOUR GAMES.

R. BASA (CRAIGENGOWER), E. G. POST (POLICE), S. ECCLESHALL (CIVIL SERVICE) AND A. E. COATES (CRAIGENGOWER) PROVED SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR GAMES, AND ARE NOW IN THE SECOND ROUND.

R. BASA WAS GIVEN A TITANIC STRUGGLE BY H. BEER, THE CRAIGENGOWER SKIP JUST GETTING HOME BY ONE SHOT AGAINST HIS CLUB-MATE AFTER 27 HEADS HAD BEEN PLAYED. BEER LED 20-19 AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE 25TH END.

R. Basa, sensationally beaten by E. el Arculli by 21-19 in the First Round last year, was almost the victim of a surprise defeat yesterday on the Police green when he met H. Beer, another Craigengower player, in the First Round.

Basa, one of the best players who have never won the title, was slow in settling down, being 5 down at the fourth head. A 3 on the fifth improved matters, and he came on terms at the ninth by steady play. A 4 on the twelfth gave him the lead for the first time in the match, but Beer came back splendidly to register a 3 at the 13th to lead 13-12. On the next head Basa recorded a perfect 3, but at the 22nd he was two shots down.

It was only when Beer led 20-19 at the conclusion of the 25th that Basa gave of his best to record a dramatic last-minute triumph.

R. Basa will meet either H. Gittins or C. T. Champelovier in the Second Round.

Detailed scores:

Heads H. Beer R. Basa

1. .... 1 1

2. .... 2 3

3. .... 1 4

4. .... 1 5

5. .... 5 3

6. .... 5 1

7. .... 1 6

8. .... 6 1

9. .... 6 1

10. .... 1 7

11. .... 7 1

12. .... 7 4

13. .... 2 9

14. .... 1 10

15. .... 10 1

16. .... 3 13

17. .... 13 3

18. .... 1 14

19. .... 1 15

20. .... 12 1

21. .... 2 17

22. .... 1 18

23. .... 18 3

24. .... 1 19

25. .... 1 20

26. .... 20 1

27. .... 20 1

### Result Never In Doubt.

S. Eccleshall fulfilled expectations when he decisively beat F. V. Whitta, one of the many Bowling Green entrants, by 23 to 13. At no stage of the game was the ultimate result in doubt.

### BILLIARDS

LINCOLNS - v. BORDERERS

Bdsm. A. Short 66 L/Cpl. Croft 100

Bdsm. N. Ellison 100 Bdsm. Martin 81

Bdsm. C. Atkins 100 Bdsm. Kelly 81

L/Cpl. A. 100 Bdsm. 68

Bdsm. Ross 45 Bdsm. Hughes 100

L/Cpl. Dangerfield 96 Bdsm. Goddard 100

607 512

### SNOKER

LINCOLNS - BORDERERS

Bdsm. Short 62 L/Cpl. Croft 84

Bdsm. Atkins 70 Bdsm. Martin 28

L/Cpl. Prosser 61 Bdsm. Kelly 89

Bdsm. Somerville 43 Bdsm. Harnden 51

Bdsm. Dobbs 39 Bdsm. Clarke 53

Bdsm. Ulyatt 40 Bdsm. Goddard 95

324 281

The Civil Service player took a lead of 4 nil at the conclusion of the third head and was never afterwards seriously challenged, though Whitta succeeded in decreasing his deficit to 7-6 at the conclusion of the eighth head.

Eccleshall, who was beaten by A. W. Grimmit by 22-2 in the First Round last year, will play the winner of the tie between V. C. Labrum and H. G. Cooper in the Second Round.

Detailed Scores

Heads S. Eccleshall F. V. Whitta

1. .... 1 1

2. .... 1 2

3. .... 2 4

4. .... 4 2

5. .... 4 1

6. .... 3 7

7. .... 7 2

8. .... 7 1

9. .... 1 8

10. .... 1 9

11. .... 1 10

12. .... 10 1

13. .... 2 12

14. .... 3 15

15. .... 3 18

16. .... 18 1

17. .... 18 2

18. .... 18 1

19. .... 18 1

20. .... 18 1

21. .... 1 20

22. .... 3 23

### Steadiness Of Coates.

Securing a lead of 6-2 at the sixth end, S. Randle, a Civil Service entrant who was eliminated in the First Round by J. B. Chapman last year, was beaten by the remarkable steadiness of A. E. Coates (Craigengower) in a low scoring encounter that went to 27 heads before Coates ran out the winner by 21-18.

Coates will play the winner of the tie between C. E. Marques and T. Ferguson in the Second Round.

Detailed scores:

Heads S. Randle A. E. Coates

1. .... 2 2

2. .... 2 3

3. .... 3 1

4. .... 2 5

5. .... 5 1

6. .... 1 6

7. .... 6 3

8. .... 6 1

9. .... 1 7

10. .... 7 1

11. .... 2 9

12. .... 1 10

13. .... 10 1

14. .... 10 2

15. .... 10 1

16. .... 10 1

17. .... 10 1

18. .... 2 12

19. .... 1 13

20. .... 1 14

21. .... 14 1

22. .... 1 15

23. .... 1 16

24. .... 17 3

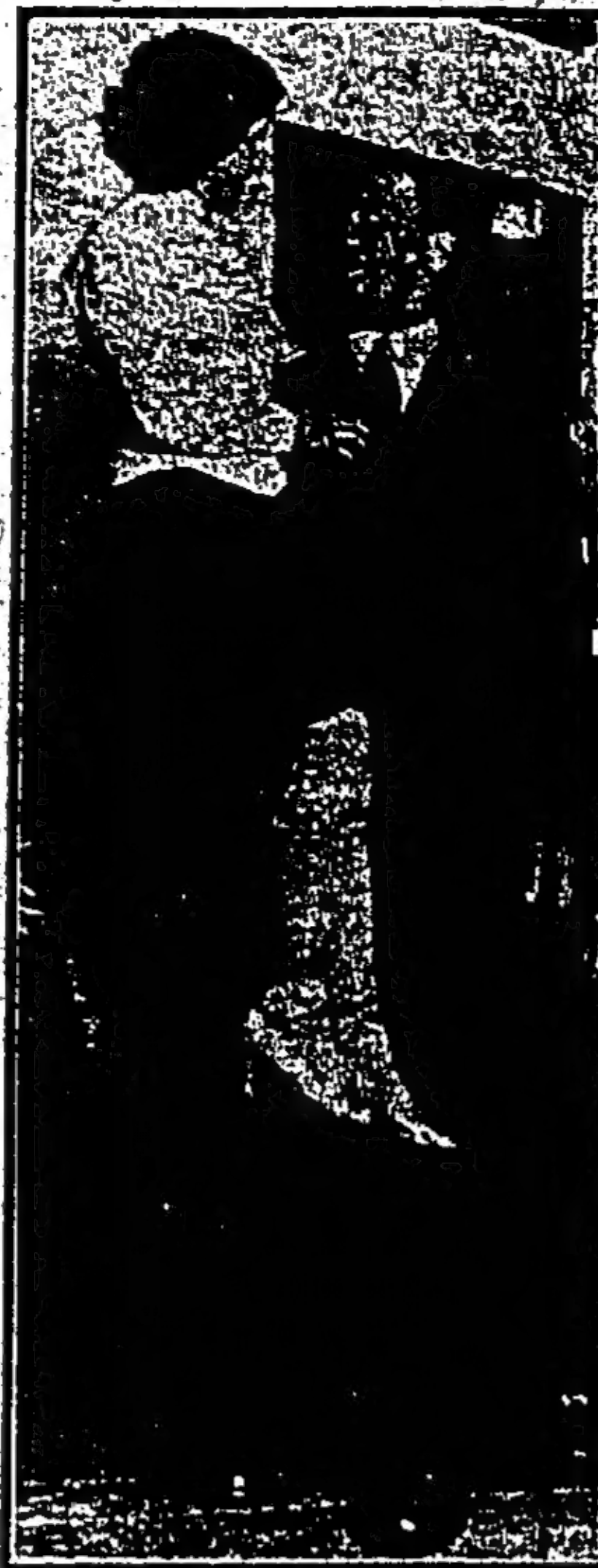
25. .... 17 1

26. .... 1 18

27. .... 18 3

### Four Disasters Heads.

Fallure to score on four consecutive ends after securing a 6-5 lead cost W. McLeod his match against E. G. Post, who played brilliant bowls on occasion to win by 22-15. Post will play either F. Xavier or G. N. Mitchell in the Second Round.



PRIMO CARNERA, the plant Italian heavyweight boxer, who will fight Jack Sharkey for the title on June 23, caught in a passive mood with Miss Betty Siddons, the film actress.

## "C" COMPANY, S.W.B. BEAT "A"

First Win In H.K. Area Tennis Series.

TAYLOR AND THOMAS WIN ALL SETS IN THRILLING STRUGGLE

"C" Company, South Wales Borderers, recorded their first win in three matches in the Hong Kong Area Tennis League yesterday when they beat "A" Company, of the same regiment by 6 sets to 3 at Sookunpoo yesterday.

"They are now on level terms with their rivals."

Detailed scores:

Capt. N. R. G. Tucker and Lieut. D. P. Yates ("C" Coy.)—

beat Lieut. A. G. Martin and

Sgt. Pallister .. 6-4

beat Cpl. Evans and L/Cpl. Andrews .. 15-13

beat L/C. Duncan and L/C. Airy .. 6-0

C. Q. M. S. Horne and L/C. Davies ("C" Coy.)—

lost to Martin and Pallister .. 6-8

lost to Evans and Andrews .. 3-6

lost to Duncan and Airy .. 6-8

Cpl. Taylor and Pte. Thomas ("C" Coy.)—

beat Martin and Pallister .. 6-2

beat Evans and Andrews .. 6-4

beat Duncan and Airy .. 10-8

Round.

McLeod was beaten last year by J. J. Basto by 21-15 after beating J. F. MacGowan in the First Round.

Detailed Scores:

E. G. Post W. McLeod

Head

1. .... 1 1

2. .... 1 2

3. .... 3 4

4. .... 4 2

5. .... 4 1

6. .... 1 5

7. .... 5 1

8. .... 3 8

9. .... 1 9

10. .... 1 10

11. .... 1 11

12. .... 1 12

13. .... 1 13

14. .... 2 14

15. .... 4 15

16. .... 4 16

17. .... 15 2

18. .... 1 19

19. .... 19 2

20. .... 1 20

21. .... 2 22

### BILLIARDS

## BORDERERS AND LINCOLNS MAINTAIN 100 PER CENT

KEW TO MEET TEDDY FINCHER IN BILLIARDS FINAL

40 Break Against Labrum At K. C. C. Last Night

Aided by a well-played break of 40 H. Kew (+20) beat G. B. Labrum (+120) by 500 points to 337 in the Semi-Final Round of the Kowloon Cricket Club Handicap Billiards Tournament which was played at the K.C.C. last night.

Kew will meet E. C. Fincher (+60) in the Final Round on Thursday evening. Fincher beat A. Hyde Lay (-140) by 500-475 in the Semi-Final.

## WAPOLIN CUP

Kowloon Police Lead Lincoln Sgts.

WIN TENNIS AND BRIDGE ENCOUNTERS

At the Lincoln Sergeants' Mess on Sunday evening the Kowloon Police won the Bridge Tournament, the third in the series of seven events for the Wapolin Challenge Trophy, by 4,078 points.

The Police thus added another two points to the 4 they obtained by winning the Lawn Tennis singles and doubles matches. The Lincoln Sergeants' Mess have yet to open their account.

The detailed scores were as follows:

Sgt. Galvin and Sgt. Groves (Kowloon Police) beat R.Q.M.S. Otley and Sgt. Malpas by 1,453 points to 1,037.

Sgt. Roberts and Sgt. Smith (Kowloon Police) beat Sgt. Gibson and C. Sgt. Robertson by 2,406 points to 112.

L/Sgt. Muir and Sgt. Baker (Kowloon Police) beat D. M. Tancered and Sgt. Harris by 1,720 points to 381.

The Wapolin Challenge Trophy is a cup subscribed for by the Kowloon Police and the Lincoln Sergeants' Mess, and is being competed for by the two teams who have challenged each other to Lawn Tennis (Singles and Doubles), Bridge, Snooker Billiards, Rifle Shooting, Revolver Shooting and, if possible, Rowing.

The tennis encounter was won by the Police last Sunday. They won the singles at Tsim-tsz-tui, in the morning, and in the afternoon they won the doubles on the Police Recreation Club courts, thus giving them a lead of 4 points over the Lincolns' Sergeants' Mess.



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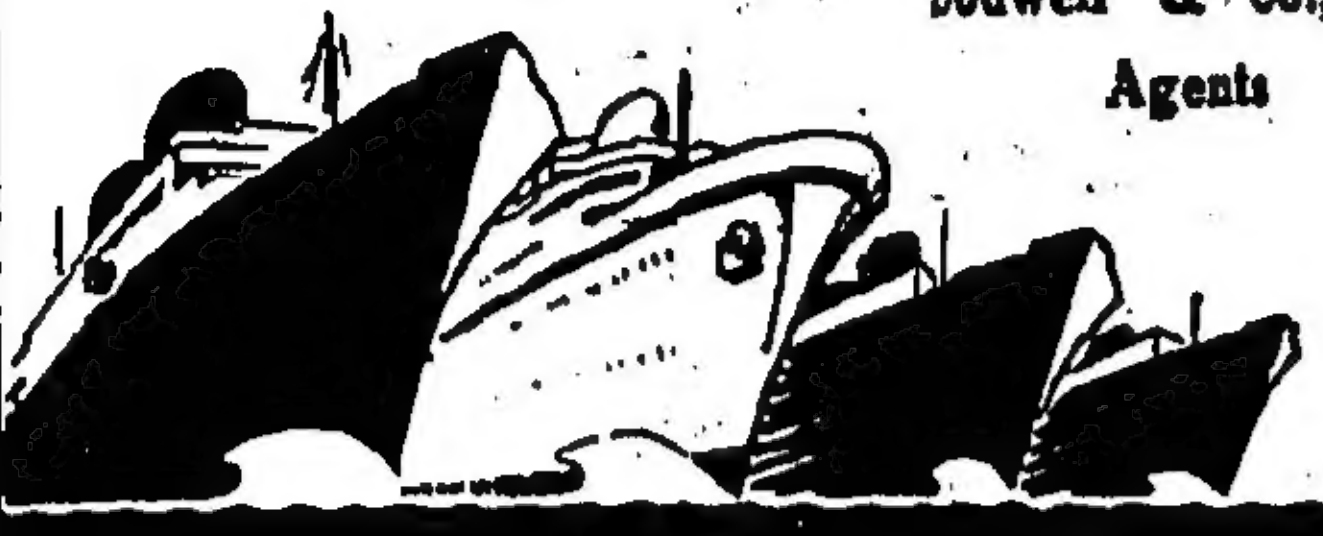
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TATSUTA MARU ..... Wednesday, 21st June.  
ASAMA MARU ..... Wednesday, 5th July.

## SEATTLE & VANCOUVER.

HIYE MARU (starts from Kobe) ... Monday, 5th June.  
HEIAN MARU (starts from Kobe) ... Saturday, 24th June.

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YASUKUNI MARU ..... Friday, 9th June.  
HAKONE MARU ..... Saturday, 24th June.

## SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

KITANO MARU ..... Saturday, 27th May.  
ATSUTA MARU ..... Saturday, 24th June.

## BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.

GENOA MARU ..... Monday, 29th May.  
TOTTORI MARU ..... Monday, 12th June.

## SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,

Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.  
RAKUYO MARU ..... Thursday, 8th June.

## LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Beyrouth, Istanbul, Piraeus, Genoa

and Valencia.  
DAKAR MARU ..... Friday, 16th June.

## CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

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TOKUSHIMA MARU ..... Thursday, 8th June.

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# The Screaming Skull

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face growing more and more like a skull with two little coals for eyes; and after about five minutes or so, though it may have been less, old Bumble would suddenly begin to shake all over, and all on a sudden he would set up an awful howl, as if he had been shot, and tumble out of the easy-chair and trot away and hide himself under the sideboard and lie there, making odd noises.

Considering Pratt's looks in those last months, the thing is not surprising, you know. I'm not nervous or imaginative, but I can quite believe he might have sent a sensitive woman into hysterics—his head looked so much like a skull in parchment.

At last I came down one day before Christmas, when my ship was in dock, and I had three weeks off. Bumble was not about, and I said casually that I supposed the old dog was dead.

"Yes," Pratt answered, and I thought there was something odd in his tone even before he went on after a little pause. "I killed him," he said presently. "I could not stand it any longer."

I asked what it was that Luke could not stand, though I guessed well enough.

"He had a way of sitting in her chair and glaring at me and then howling," Luke shivered a little. "He didn't suffer at all, poor old Bumble," he went on in a hurry, as if he thought I might imagine he had been cruel. "I put dionine into his drink to make him sleep soundly, and then I chloroformed him gradually, so that he could not have felt suffocated even if he was dreaming. It's been quieter since then."

I wondered what he meant, for the words slipped out as if he could not help saying them. I've understood since. He meant that he did not hear that noise so often after the dog was out of the way. Perhaps he thought at first that it was old Bumble in the yard howling at the moon, though it's not that kind of noise, is it? Besides, I know what it is if Luke didn't. It's only a noise, after all, and a noise never hurt anybody yet. But he was much more imaginative than I am. No doubt, there really is something about this place that I don't understand; but when I don't understand a thing I call it a phenomenon, and I don't take it for granted that it's going to kill me, as he did.

Besides, what is there to prove that Luke killed his wife? I would not even suggest such a thing to anyone but you. After all, there was nothing but the coincidence that poor little Mrs. Pratt died suddenly in her bed years ago, and there was a small lump of lead rattling about in who ever died like that. Luke got the doctor over from the next parish, sure. I don't want to know what he said about the matter with her heart. Of course, there was a rather queer sensation, because I looked so much like the thing I had described when I told them the story. Do you understand? It affected me unpleasantly, and I threw it away; it's at the bottom of the sea a mile from the Spit. You see, Luke must have bought it in the village years ago for the man sells just such ladies' pills. I suppose they are used in cooking. In any case, there was no reason why an inquisitive housemaid should find such a thing lying about, with lead in it, and wonder what it was, and perhaps talk to the maid who heard me tell the story at dinner.

You understand me, don't you? Now that Luke Pratt is dead and gone, and lies buried beside his wife with an honest man's tombstone at his head, I should not care to stir up anything that could hurt his memory. They are both dead, and their son too. There was trouble enough about Luke's death as it was. How? He was found dead on the beach one morning, and there was a coroner's inquest. There were marks on his throat, but he had not been robbed. The verdict was that he had come to his end "by the hands of some person or animal unknown." For half the jury thought it might have been a big dog that had thrown him down and gripped his windpipe, though the side of his throat was not broken. No one knew at what time he had been out, nor where he had been. He was found lying on his back above high-water mark, and an old card-board box had been placed at his head, and a small card had been pinned to it, under his head, open. The lid had fallen off. He seemed to have been

carrying home a skull in the box—doctors are fond of collecting such things. It had rolled out and lay near his head, and it was a remarkably fine skull, rather small, beautifully shaped and very white, with perfect teeth. That is to say, the upper jaw was perfect, but there was no lower one at all when I first saw it. Yes, I found it here when I came. You see, it was very white and polished, like a thing meant to be kept under a glass case, and the people did not know where it came from, nor what to do with it; so they put it back into the cupboard and set it on the shelf of the cupboard in the best bedroom, and of course, they showed it to me when I took possession. I was taken down to the beach, too, to be shown the place where Luke was found, and the old fisherman explained just how he was lying, and the skull beside him. The only point he could not explain was why the skull had rolled up the sloping sand towards Luke's head instead of rolling downhill to his feet. It did not seem strange to me at the time, but I have often thought of it since, for the place is rather steep.

When I fell down, or was thrown down—which ever happened—the box struck the sand, and the lid came off, and the thing came out and ought to have rolled down. But it didn't. It was close to his head, almost touching it, and turned with the face towards it. I say it didn't strike me as odd when the man told me; but I could not help thinking about it afterwards, again, and again, till I saw a picture of it all when I closed my eyes; and then I began to ask myself why the plaguy thing had rolled up instead of down, and why it had stopped near Luke's head instead of anywhere else, a yard away, for instance.

You naturally want to know what conclusion I reached, don't you? None at all. But I got something else into my head, after a time, that made me feel downright uncomfortable. Oh, I don't mean as to anything supernatural! There may be ghosts, or there may not be. If there are, I'm not inclined to believe that they can hurt living people except by frightening them, and, for my part, I would rather face any shape of ghost than a fog in the Channel when it's crowded. No. What bothered me was just a foolish idea that's all, and I cannot tell how it began, nor what made it grow till it turned into a certainty.

I was thinking about Luke and his poor wife one evening over my pipe and a dull book when it occurred to me that the skull might possibly be hers, and I have never got rid of the thought since. You'll tell me there's no sense in it, I doubt that. Mrs. Pratt was buried like a Christian and is lying in the churchyard where they bury her, and that it's perfectly monstrous to suppose her husband kept her skull in her old bedroom in his bedroom. All the same, in the face of reason, and common sense, and probability, I'm convinced that he did. Doctors do all sorts of queer things that would make me feel like you and me feel green.

Then, don't you see?—if it really was her skull, poor woman, the only way of accounting for his having it in that way, as the woman killed her husbands in the story, and that he was afraid there might be an examination some day which would betray him. You but you. After all, there was nothing but the coincidence that poor little Mrs. Pratt died suddenly in her bed years ago, and there was a small lump of lead rattling about in who ever died like that. Luke got the doctor over from the next parish, sure. I don't want to know what he said about the matter with her heart. Of course, there was a rather queer sensation, because I looked so much like the thing I had described when I told them the story. Do you understand? It affected me unpleasantly, and I threw it away; it's at the bottom of the sea a mile from the Spit. You see, Luke must have bought it in the village years ago for the man sells just such ladies' pills. I suppose they are used in cooking. In any case, there was no reason why an inquisitive housemaid should find such a thing lying about, with lead in it, and wonder what it was, and perhaps talk to the maid who heard me tell the story at dinner.

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started and looked round as if you expected to see a ghost standing behind you?

I may be all wrong about the skull, and I like to think that I am—when I can. It may be just a fine specimen which Luke got somewhere long ago, and what rattles about inside when you shake it may be nothing but pebbles, or a bit of hard clay, or anything.

Skulls have lain long in the ground generally, but something inside them that rattles, don't they? No, I've never tried to get it out, whatever it is; I'm afraid it might be lead, don't you see? And, if it is, I don't want to know the fact, for I'd much rather not be sure. If it really is lead, I killed her quite as much as if I had done the deed myself. Anybody must see that, I should think.

As long as I don't know for certain I have the consolation of saying that it's all utterly ridiculous nonsense, that Mrs. Pratt died a natural death, and that the beautiful skull belonged to Luke when he was a student in London. But if I were quite sure, I believe I should have to leave the house; indeed I do, most certainly. As it is, I had to give up trying to sleep in the best bedroom, where the cupboard is. You ask me why I don't throw it into the pond—yes, but please don't call it a "confounded bugbear"—it doesn't like being called names.

There! Lord, what a shiek! I told you so! You're quite pale, man. Fill up your pipe and draw your chair nearer to the fire, and take some more drink. Old Holland's never hurt anybody yet.

We should not have heard the thing again if you had not said that. I'm pretty sure we should not. Oh, yes, if you choose to describe it as a coincidence, you are quite welcome, but I would rather that you should not call the thing names again, if you don't mind. It may be that the poor little woman hears, and perhaps it hurts her, you know? Ghost? No! You don't call anything a ghost that you can take in your hands and look at in broad daylight, and that rattles when you shake it. Do you now? But something that hears and understands; there's no doubt about that. I tried sleeping in the best bedroom when I first came to the house, just because it was the best and the most comfortable, but I had to give it up. It was their room, and there's the big bed he died in, and the cupboard is in the thickness of the wall, near the door when you shake it. Do you now? But something that hears and understands; there's no doubt about that. 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# The Screaminh Skull

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I felt that something started in the cupboard, and I felt it so vividly that I heard it, though there may have been nothing to hear, and the sound inside my head woke me suddenly. But I really heard the other noise. It was as if it were muffled inside a box, as far away as it came through a long-distance telephone, and yet I knew that it was inside the cupboard near the head of my bed. My hair did not bristle, and my blood did not run cold that time. I simply resented had no business to make a noise, any more than a pencil should rattle in the drawer of my cabin table on board ship. For I did not understand; I just supposed that the cupboard had some communication with the outside air, and that the wind had got in and was moaning through it with a sort of very faint scream. I struck a light, and looked at my watch, and it was seventeen minutes past three. Then I turned over and went to sleep on my right ear. That's my good one, I'm pretty deaf with the other.

That was the first night, and the same thing happened again and several times afterwards, but not regularly, though it was always at the same time, to a second; perhaps I was sometimes sleeping on my good ear, and sometimes not. I overhauled the cupboard, and there was no way by which the wind could get in or any thing else, for the door makes a good fit, having been meant to keep out moths.

After about a fortnight I had had enough of the noise. So far I had said to myself that it would be all right to yield to it and take the skull out of the room. Things always look differently by daylight, don't they? But the voice grew louder—I suppose one may call it a voice—and I got inside my coat, too, one night. I realised that when I was wide awake for my good ear was jammed down on the pillow, and I ought not to have heard a fog-horn in that position. But I heard that, and it made me lose my temper, unless it scared me, for some times the two are not far apart.

Then my hair stood on end. The thing screamed in the air, like a shell from a twelve-inch gun. It fell on the other side of the road. The night was very dark, and I could not see it fall, but I knew it fell beyond the road. The window is just over the front door, it's fifteen yards to the fence, more or less, and the road is ten yards wide. There's a quickset hedge beyond, along the vicarage glebe.

I did not sleep much more that night. It was not more than half an hour after I had thrown the bundle out when I heard a shriek outside—like what we've had to-night, but worse, more despairing, I should call it; and it may have been my imagination, but I could have sworn that the screams came nearer and nearer each time. I lit a pipe, and walked up and down for a bit, and then took a book and sat up reading, but I'll be hanged if I can remember what I read nor even what the book was, for every now and then a shriek came up that would have made a dead man turn in his coffin.

A little before dawn some one knocked at the front door. There was no mistaking that for anything else, and

I hoped my window and looked down, for I guessed that some one wanted the doctor, supposing that the new man had taken Luke's house. It was rather a relief to hear a human knock after that awful noise.

You cannot see the door from above, owing to the little porch. The knocking came again, and I called out, asking who was there, but nobody answered, though the knock was repeated. I sang out again, and said that the doctor did not live here any longer. There was no answer, but it occurred to me that it might be some old countryman who was stone deaf. So I took my candle and went down to open the door. Upon my word, I was not thinking of the thing yet, and I had almost forgotten the other noises. I went down convinced that I should find somebody outside on the doorstep, with a message. I set the candle on the hall table, so that the wind should not blow it out when I opened. While I was drawing the old-fashioned bolt I heard the knocking again. It was not loud, and it had a queer, hollow sound, now that I was close to it. I remember, but I certainly thought it was made by some person who wanted to get in.

It wasn't. There was nobody there, but as I opened the door inward, standing a little on one side, so as to see out at once, something rolled against the threshold and stopped against my foot.

I drew back as I felt it, for I knew what it was before I looked down. I cannot tell you how I knew, and I seemed unreasonable, for I am still quite sure that I had thrown it across the road. It's a French window, that opens wide, and I got a good swing when I flung it out. Besides, when I went out early in the morning, I found the bundle beyond the quickset hedge.

You may think it opened when I threw it, and that the skull dropped out; but that's impossible, for nobody could throw an empty cardboard box so far. It's out of the question; you might as well try to fling a ball of paper twenty-five yards, or a blown bird's egg.

To go back, I shut and bolted the hall door, picked the thing up carefully, and put it on the table beside the candle. I did that mechanically, as one instinctively does the right thing in danger without thinking at all; and I was not the exception. It may seem odd, but I believe my first thought had been that somebody might come and find me there on the threshold while I was resting against my foot, lying a little on its side, and turning one hollow eye up at my face, as if it meant to accuse me. And the light and shadow from the candle played in the hollows of the eyes as it stood on the table, so that they seemed to open and shut at me. Then the candle went out quite unexpectedly, though the door was fastened and there was not the least draught; and I used up at least half a dozen matches before it would burn again.

I sat down rather suddenly, without quite knowing why. Probably I had been badly frightened, and perhaps you will admit there was no great shame in being scared. The thing had come home, and it wanted to go upstairs, back to its cupboard. I sat still and stared at it for a bit, till I began to feel very cold; then I took it and carried it up and set it in its place, and I remember that I spoke to it, and promised that I should have its bundle again in the morning. You want to know whether I stay in the room all daybreak? Yes.

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But I kept a light burning, and sat up smoking and reading, most likely out of fright; plain, undeniable fear, and you need not call it cowardice either, for that's not the same thing. I could not have stayed alone with that thing in the cupboard; I should have been scared to death, though I'm not more timid than other people. When the dawn came, I put on my boots and went out to find the bundle. I had to go a good way round, by the gate near the highroad, and I found the box open and hanging on the other side of the hedge.

(To be concluded to-morrow).

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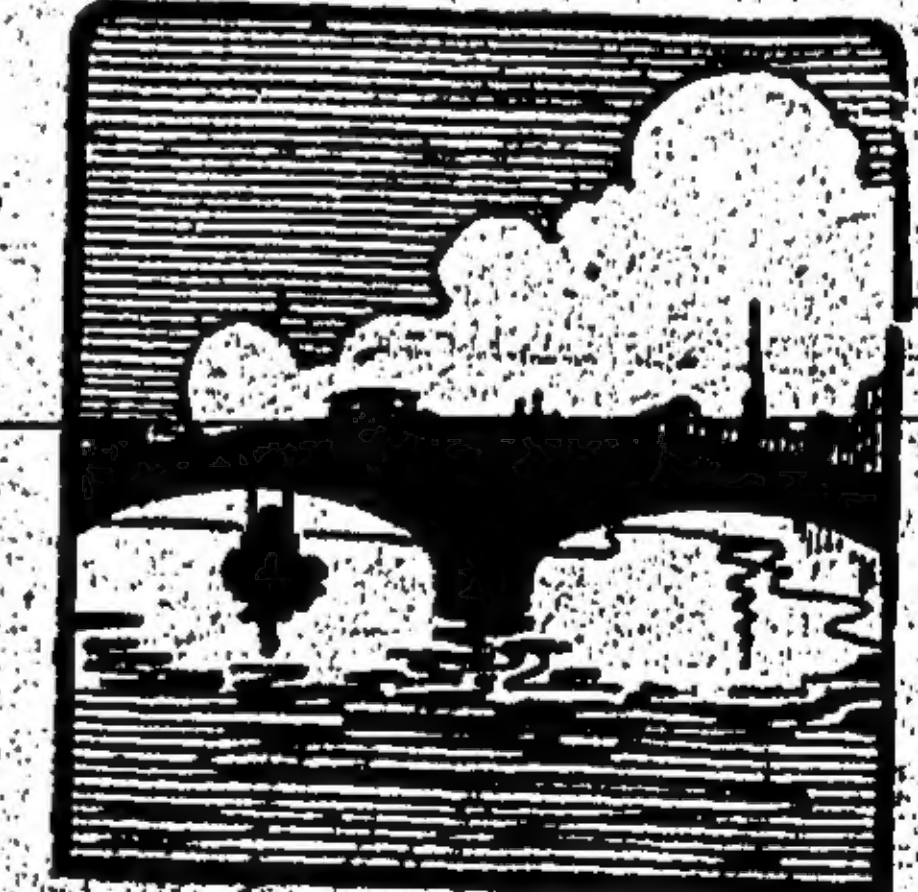
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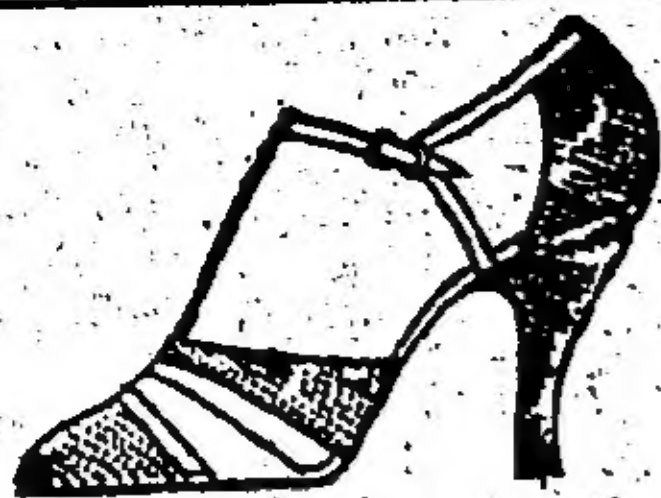
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Results as cabled by Reuter were as follows:—

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	0	8	0
Alger pitched.			
St. Louis	3	9	0
Martin hit a homer.			
Brooklyn	3	8	0
Pittsburgh	0	7	1
Clark pitched.			
New York	9	16	2
Cincinnati	0	3	2
Schumacker pitched.			
Philadelphia	11	14	2
Chicago	4	7	3
American League.			
Chicago	2	7	0
Boston	3	8	1
Coke hit a homer.			
Cleveland	0	6	2
Gomez pitched.			

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He urged that work on a practical basis should be pressed forward. The time had come to end the theoretical declarations of good intentions, and to replace them with definite decisions.

"It is now time to cash the cheques we have already drawn," he said. M. Paul Boncour, the French Foreign Minister, suggested that Part One of the convention, dealing with security, should forthwith be discussed.

Mr. Davis suggested that in view of his declaration regarding the United States action in the case of conflict, time need not be wasted on Part One.

M. Paul Boncour did not accept this view, and the meeting adjourned until this afternoon.

The Bureau, in the meantime, are meeting to fix an agenda—1 British Wireless Service.

New York	3	6	1
Detroit	5	9	2
Washington	6	13	1
St. Louis	5	12	0
Campbell hit a homer.			
Philadelphia	6	10	0

(Tables on Page 8.)

## LIMITING RUBBER PRODUCTION.

Many Schemes Advanced

Amsterdam, To-day.  
Yesterday's meeting of the Committee of the International Union of the Rubber-growing Industry, discussed various Rubber restriction schemes, but owing to the voluminous data to be examined, no definite conclusion was reached.

It was decided to convene a fresh meeting at a date not yet determined.

There will be no discussions with the British rubber interests until the Dutch growers have reached definite conclusions.—Reuter.

## FAVoured NATION TREATMENT.

Tariff Truce No Bar To Treaty Cancellation.

London, To-day.  
On behalf of the Board of Trade, it was yesterday stated in the House of Commons that the Government would not be deterred, during the continuance of the proposed world tariff truce, from giving notice to terminate any commercial treaty.—British Wireless Service.

### WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy generally with moderate East winds, is forecasted in to-day's report issued from the Royal Observatory this morning.

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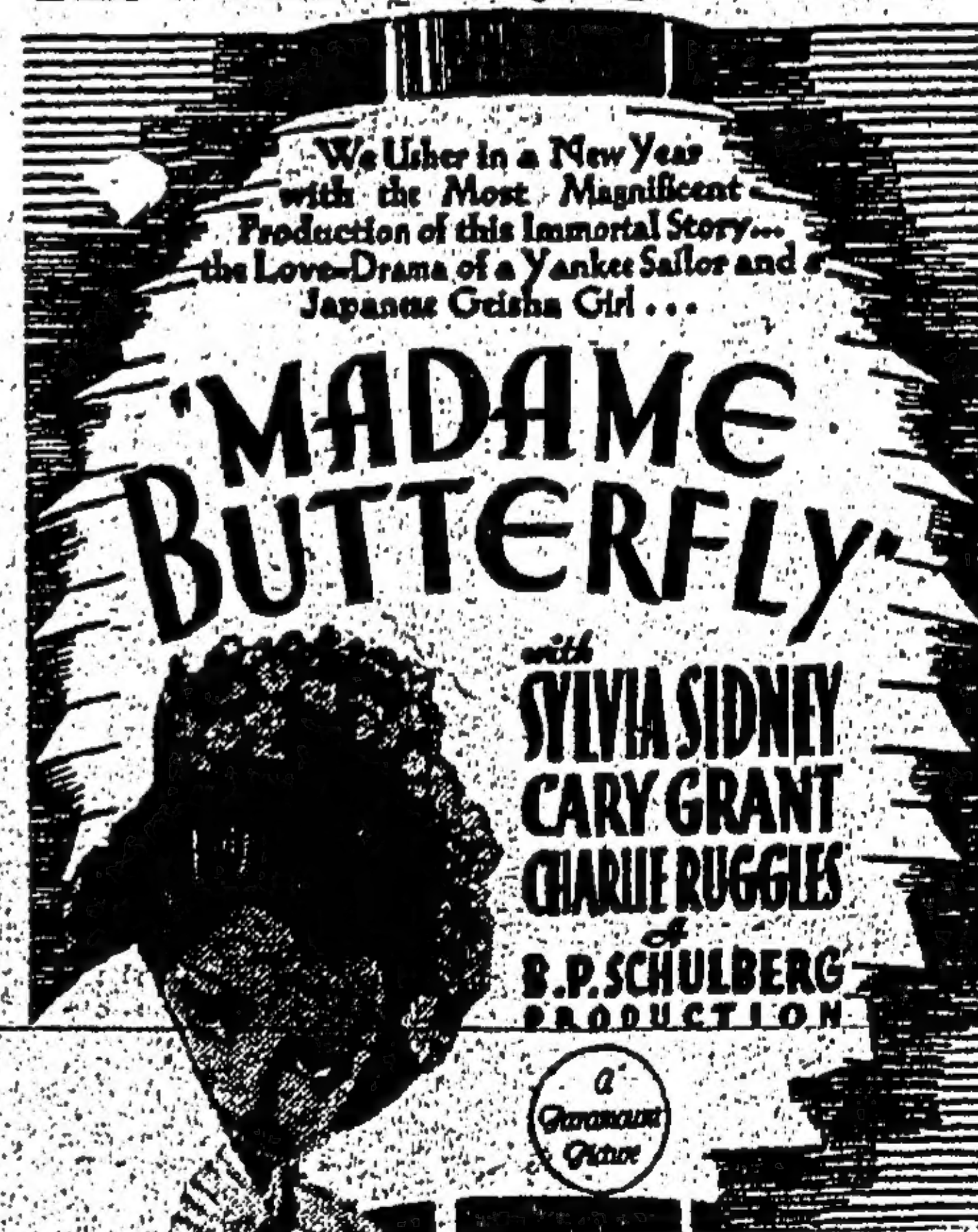
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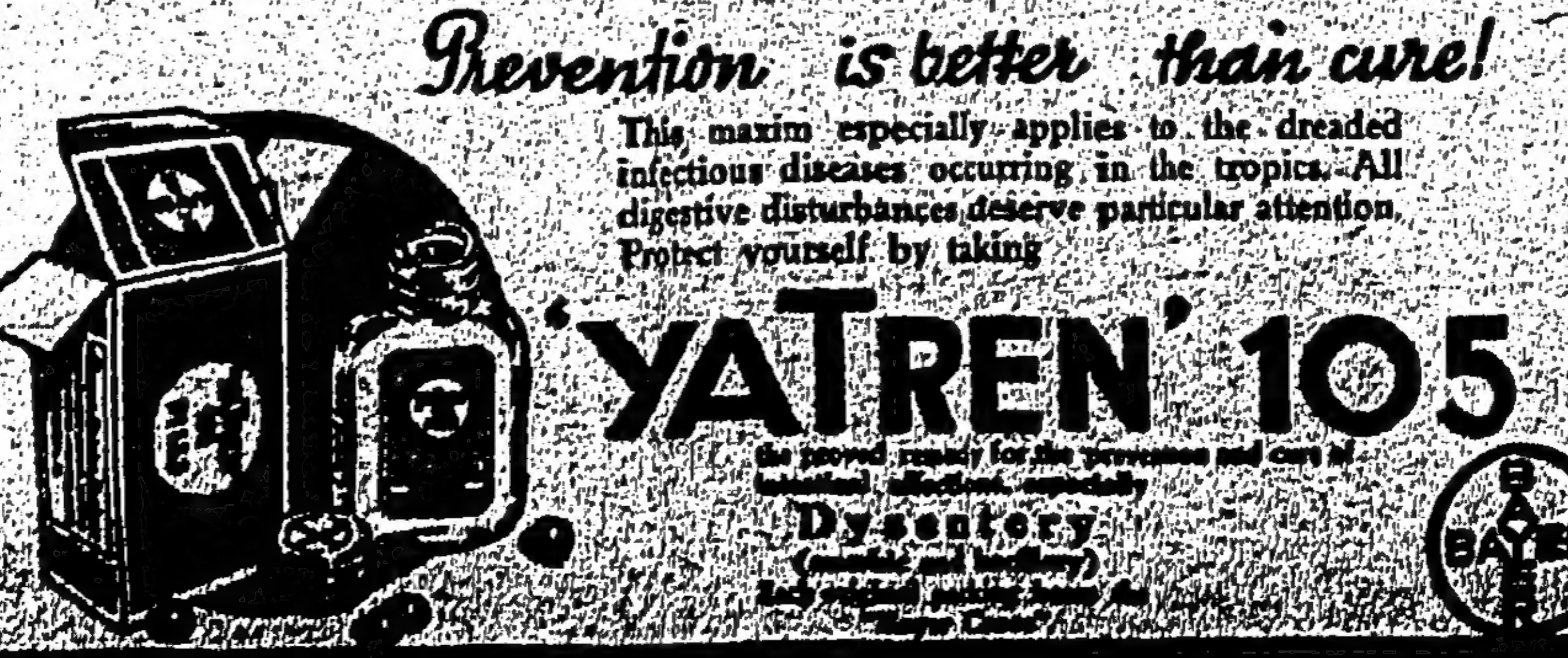


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